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MINOR AUSTRALIA COLLAPSE.

THREE WICKETS FALL
FOR 42 RUNS.

GEARY BOWLS BRILLIANTLY
THIS MORNING.

ENGLAND RECOVERS.

England this morning made a complete recovery from the critical position in which the magnificent partnership between Bradman and Fairfax had placed them by the time stumps were drawn last night by getting rid of both men cheaply, and sending back another man in addition.

Australia batted from 11.30 to lunch, a period of ninety minutes, for only 42 runs, and in that time they lost three valuable wickets. Approximately 3,000 spectators were on the Melbourne ground when Bradman and Fairfax went out to resume their innings today. The sky was overcast, and there had been rain during the night. Another brief storm burst round about 5.30 a.m., but this soon cleared off, and the start was not delayed. The wicket was, of course, the subject of considerable interest, but it was the general opinion that it had not been greatly affected.

An Easy Catch.

Bradman and Fairfax, who made history yesterday by hitting up 164 in partnership for the fifth wicket and thus beating the previous record of 142 held by Gregory and Darling, were slow in settling down today, Fairfax again being greatly overshadowed by his partner.

Nineteen runs had been added to the overnight total when Bradman fell a victim to Geary. He was trying to place the ball and sent up an easy catch into the hands of Tate, who was fielding at forward short-leg. Fairfax's total was then 55.

Bright Display.

Bradman had given by far the brightest display on the Australian side. He was the only really enterprising batsman of the innings. He was at the wicket for 217 minutes for his 123, which included eight 4's.

Fairfax, who was joined by Oxenham, did not long survive, being sent back as the result of a sound appeal by Geary for leg-before. He had made 65 by sound cricket, taking no risks in the 232 minutes he was at bat. He sent the ball to the boundary on only two occasions.

Runs came at a snail's pace thereafter. Oxenham who had increased his score to six, while Oldfield had also made six when the latter proved another victim of Geary's fine spell. He had scored the run which sent 400 up in 9 hours and 23 minutes, but nine runs later he played forward to an easy ball from Geary and fell into the caught and bowled trap.

There was no addition to the score during the short period in which Grimmett batted with Oxenham. Heavy rain commenced to fall during the interval. Geary took all three wickets this morning, bowling splendidly. Australia are now 110 runs behind with three wickets to fall. The scores are:

J. B. Hobbs, lb.w. Ryder	142
D. R. Jardine, c. Oldfield, b. Wall	31
W. R. Hammond, c. Fairfax, b. Wall	28
E. Tyldesley, c. Hornbrook, b. Ryder	28
G. Duckworth, c. Fairfax, b. Hornbrook	28
G. Hendren, c. Hornbrook, b. Fairfax	28
M. Leyland, c. Fairfax, b. Oxenham	18
H. Larwood, b. Wall	4
G. Geary, b. Hornbrook	16
M. W. Tate, c. substitute, b. Hornbrook	18
J. C. White, not out	18
Extras	18

Total 510
Fall of wickets: 1/64; 2/146; 3/235; 4/240; 5/260; 6/401; 7/400; 8/428; 9/470; 10/610.

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c. Geary, b. Larwood	162
A. Jackson run out	30
A. F. Kippax, c. Duckworth, b. White	28
J. Ryder, c. Tate, b. Hammond	20
D. Bradman, c. Tate, b. Geary	123
A. Fairfax, lb.w. b. Geary	65
E. K. Oxenham not out	6
R. H. Oldfield, c. b. Geary	6
C. V. Grimmett not out	0
Extras	9

Total for 7 wickets 409
Fall of wickets: 1/54; 2/148; 3/203; 4/203; 5/286; 6/359; 7/400.

BRITISH PROTEST TO MEXICO.

OVER CAPTURE OF MINE CO.
EMPLOYEE.

HELD BY BANDITS.

Mexico City, Mar. 12.

The British Legation has made strong representations to the Mexican Foreign Office to secure the release of Mr. J. W. Reid, a British employee of the San Nicholas Mining and Milling Company, of Vocas, who, with Mr. Henry Hanson, the American resident manager, was captured by rebels on the 3rd instant.

At the time of the capture, the rebels demanded ransom of 24,000 pesos and also blankets and kegs of nails.

It is understood that the prisoners are in no immediate danger, though their release may be delayed owing to the revolutionary situation.

Latest news of the military operations is that the Federal troops are rapidly advancing on the rebel headquarters.

An unconfirmed report states that the Federal forces have captured Reid, in Sonora, which is in the heart of the rebel territory.

Two members of the United States border patrol have been wounded in a skirmish with the rebels whilst they were attempting to cross the Rio Grande with arms and ammunition.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SERIOUS MADRID RIOTING.

POLICE COMPELLED TO FIRE
ON STUDENTS.

SEQUEL TO STRIKE.

Madrid, Mar. 13.

Serious rioting on the part of students had broken out here, the trouble assuming such proportions that the police were compelled to use firearms.

One student was shot in the throat during the riots and several were injured, while 26 arrests have been made.

An official note states that the riots took the form of a political demonstration and were marked by acts of rebellion.

The statement adds that the Government is prepared to use rigorous measures to restore order.

The trouble started last week, when the students went on strike, demanding that degrees granted by Roman Catholic Universities should not be considered legal.—*Reuter.*

THE KING AGAIN OUT OF DOORS.

MAY DEAL WITH ELECTION
PAPERS.

London, Mar. 12.

H.M. the King was again out of doors today. He was wheeled in a bath chair into the grounds of Craigwell House and remained there for about an hour.

Despite the bright sunshine, there was a cool easterly breeze and His Majesty was kept to the sheltered side of the house.

It is now stated on good authority that it is hoped if the King's progress continues he will be able to deal personally with all the necessary papers in connection with the Dissolution of Parliament, which is expected to take place in about a month's time.—*British Wireless.*

LI CHAI-SUM OFF TO NANKING.

THINKS TROUBLE WILL BE
ADJUSTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 13.

Marshall Li Chai-sum, accompanied by Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, left here for Nanking last evening.

He affirmed that there was no doubt the Wuhan-Nanking issues would be settled satisfactorily by negotiation. General Li Chung-yan remains in Shanghai at present.—*Reuter.*

SEAPLANE CRASH AT KAI TACK.

ALARMING AFFAIR
IN SWATOW.

PROMINENT BANKER
KIDNAPPED.

DARING RAID BY ARMED GANG
IN THE CITY.

HUGE RANSOM ASKED.

Swatow, Mar. 11.
A daring raid by a gang of armed kidnappers or bandits has caused considerable sensation in Swatow, and the police are taking rigorous measures to prevent the development of a campaign of terrorism such as has been troubling the Shanghai authorities for so long.

The affair which has given rise to the alarm occurred during the week-end when one of the town's wealthiest and most influential citizens was seized by a gang of kidnappers or bandits in the middle of the residential quarter and carried off. He is being held for ransom.

The victim of the attack was Mr. Tan Hong-tai, who is a banker by profession, and who is known and respected throughout the city, both by foreigners and Chinese.

Attacked After Dark.

It appears that he was on his way home in his private ricksha on Friday evening last, just after dusk had fallen, and was approaching the Anglo-Chinese College, near to which his residence is situated, when, in a rather deserted part of the road, he was attacked by a gang of men, who had concealed themselves in the shadows.

It is quite evident from the nature of attack that it had been well planned and that Mr. Tan Hong-tai had been selected as the victim of the attack. It seems probable that his movements had been closely followed for some time for the purpose of ascertaining his habits.

Ricksha Deserted.

The attack was completely successful as both Mr. Tan and the ricksha coolie were taken completely by surprise. Mr. Tan was dragged out of the ricksha and carried off, the coolie also being seized.

They left the empty ricksha in the street and made for the outskirts of the town by a devious route as rapidly as possible. The full story has been made available by the fact that when the gang had reached safety, they were joined by other members, and that after a consultation, it was decided that there was no purpose in detaining the ricksha coolie as no ransom was likely to be paid on his account.

Demand for \$300,000.

He was, therefore, released and instructed to go to his master's house to arrange for the payment of ransom. He at once returned and reported the capture of Mr. Tan.

Later, the unfortunate banker was forced by the gang to write a letter to his wife, ordering her to pay the sum of \$300,000 for the release of her husband, and stating that if the money was not forthcoming he would be put to death.

Mr. Tan's wife, instead of complying, took the letter to the Police Station, where the case is being taken up.

The police have ordered that no ransom money is to be paid, fearing that if the gang proves successful on this its first effort at such a daring crime, they will only be encouraged to further and, if possible, bolder efforts.

Every attempt is being made to trace the fugitives and to secure the release of Mr. Tan Hong-tai. All roads leading into Swatow are being strongly patrolled after dark, and all persons endeavouring to enter the town are challenged and obliged to give their names, addresses and objectives before being allowed to proceed.

So far there is no word to indicate the whereabouts of the victim or his kidnappers.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

WRECKED IN DASH
INTO SEAWALL.

TWO OF OCCUPANTS
INJURED.

CAPT. A. W. AUSTIN SUFFERS
BROKEN ARM.

MOTORBOAT RESCUES.

Attempting to land on the sea near Kai Tack aerodrome yesterday morning a seaplane crashed into the sea wall bordering the air base and was completely wrecked, two of the three occupants being injured and the other, the pilot, escaping unhurt.

The injured are Captain A. W. Austin, M.C., M.M., R.A., the well known football referee who sustained a broken arm and numerous bruises and is now in hospital, and Lieutenant Walter of Kai Tak who is suffering from burns but has not been admitted to hospital. The pilot of the seaplane was Lieutenant Hale, a Naval pilot who is attached to the seaplane flight of H.M.S. Hermes.

Considerable Force.

The seaplane went up shortly after ten o'clock yesterday morning in what is described by a Kai Tak officer as a practice flight. The machine was a three seater seaplane of the type often seen in flight over the harbour. Nothing went wrong while the machine was in the air, the accident happening when the pilot started to come down. All went well until the machine touched the water but apparently it skimmed along for too great a distance and crashed with considerable force into the sea wall bordering the aerodrome.

The machine came down at the spot where seaplanes usually land. In the normal course of events they are brought to rest fairly close to the sea wall and then slowly taxi nearer until they come underneath the crane erected on the seawall. They are then picked up from the sea.

Air Force Inquiry.

The cause of the mishap is now forming the subject of an Air Force inquiry and no details of circumstances surrounding the cause of the crash are available at the moment. The machine was wrecked when it struck and as far as can be gathered started to sink.

The Royal Air Force motor boat attached to the aerodrome was in the vicinity at the time and those on board saw the plane come down and immediately went to the rescue of the three occupants.

The pilot, Lieutenant Walter and Captain Austin were all taken on board the motor boat and transferred to Kai Tak. There it was found necessary to remove Captain Austin to Kowloon Hospital suffering from a broken arm, and numerous scratches and bruises. After some scratches and bruises, he was removed to Kowloon Hospital in Hongkong where his arm injuries are not quite clear, although it is a serious nature, although he has a nasty cut on the head.

Passenger's Burns.

Lieutenant Walter was treated by the medical officer attached to the aerodrome, his injuries consisting of burns. How these were sustained is not quite clear, although it is definitely known that the machine did not catch fire when it struck the sea wall.

It is to be presumed therefore that he was probably thrown forward with the force of the crash and came into contact with the cylinders of the engine.

The fact that the machine was wrecked testifies to the force of the crash. Escaping unhurt, it would appear that owing to his position in the machine, Lieutenant Hale did not feel the full force of the impact.

Third in Few Weeks.

After the occupants had been rescued, the damaged machine was salvaged by the aerodrome officials and it is presumed that an examination of it will be made in connection with the inquiry now being held.

The machine will not be fit for

NEW PLANT FOR
CEMENT CO.

\$3,500,000 FOR THE
HOK UN WORKS.

SHAREHOLDER ACCUSES STAFF
OF INCIVILITY.

"SNEERING" RETORT.

At the annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., held at noon today, Mr. H. G. Shewan, who presided, reported that the demand for cement for the past three months had been so heavy that orders had to be turned away daily.

Shareholders subsequently approved of the expenditure of \$3,500,000 for the purchase and installation of a modern cement plant at the Company's works at Hok Un. It was stated that the Company would in future devote its energies entirely to Hok Un. No more capital would be spent at Macao, and the Deep Water Bay works would either be sold or demolished.

Mr. Joseph Gould put a series of questions to the meeting in regard to the fixing of the selling price of cement and cited instances which he described as showing incivility and rudeness on the part of the staff towards customers, as well as preferential treatment to one set of customers as against another.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the shareholders, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The report and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit for the year, after allowing \$85,876.27 for depreciation amounts to \$137,941.90 and with the sum of \$71,950.71 brought forward from 1927, there remains a credit balance of \$209,902.61 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—To place to Reserve Fund, \$100,000; to place to reserve for new plant, \$50,000; to write off Deep Water Bay Works: buildings and machinery, \$30,000; stocks, \$20,000; to carry forward, \$9,902.61.

Business for the first eight months of the year under review was exceedingly poor, as although enquiries were plentiful, we were unable to meet the competition by the fact that we were facing high costs of production, brought about, firstly, by the obsolete plant at Hok Un, and, secondly, by the fact that, having accumulated large stocks of cement, we were unable to keep our factories running full time.

Strong Demand.

In September, however, a strong demand set in both locally and from abroad. The demand enabled us not only to dispose of all our accumulated stocks of cement, but also to commence running both factories full time, thus materially reducing costs.

So strong has this demand become, that for the past three months we have been daily turning away orders.

Business, I am glad to say, still continues to be good, and the Company, as you will see from the balance sheet is in a highly satisfactory position financially.

Deep Water Bay Works.

Our Deep Water Bay Works have remained closed throughout the year under review, and your Directors are now contemplating disposing of them altogether. We have had several enquiries in regard to these works, but no acceptable offer has as yet been made.

It is with great regret that your

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CHINESE FOREMAN KILLED.

LOCOMOTIVE ACCIDENT AT
KAI TACK WORKS.

A COOLIE INJURED.

A locomotive mishap which occurred near the Kai Tack aerodrome yesterday resulted in the death of a contractor's foreman and severe injuries to an earth-coolie.

It appears that Li Chung, aged 31 years, a foreman employed by the Yau Long contractors who are engaged in reclamation work beyond the aerodrome, attempted to alight from a light engine whilst it was in motion, with the result that he was run over and received fatal injuries. At the time, the engine was drawing thirteen trucks of earth. The poor man's left arm was severed from the body, whilst he also received severe head injuries and succumbed almost immediately.

In connection with the same accident, Li Cheung, an earth-coolie, 24 years of age, jumped down from the engine to render aid to the foreman when he was himself injured in the left side. First-aid was rendered to this man by the Little Sisters of the Poor at Ngau Shi Wan, after which the sufferer was removed to Kowloon Hospital.

Both the Chinese involved in the mishap belonged to Shatin Yuen village.

SECRET ALLIANCE DISCOVERED.

REPORTED REASON FOR THE
NANKING RUPTURE.

FENG BEHIND SCENES.

That a rather startling report is current in certain circles in Hankow that the immediate cause of the dispute between Hankow and Nanking was the discovery at Nanking of an understanding between Gen. Li Chung-yan and Marshal Feng Yuh-shan to overthrow the Nanking Party, is disclosed in a naval wireless message received in the Colony this morning.

It states that Hankow is quiet, though considerable military activity has been observed, large numbers of troops having been moved down river from Hankow.

It is pointed out that Feng Yuh-shan really holds the balance between Nanking and the Kwangsi faction, though it would seem he is too busy in the North to come down on one side or the other at present.

General Chu Pei-tch, the Governor of Kiangsi, who leads the Nationalist forces from Nanking, has arrived at Kukiang and is proceeding to Nanchang.

It is feared that the rupture is definite and that fighting may be expected in spite of attempts to reach an agreement. General Li Chung-yan's resignation does not simplify the problem.

GIFT BY CHINESE MINISTER.

FACILITATING STUDY OF
CHINA IN FRANCE.

Paris, Mar. 12.

The new Chinese Minister to France, Mr. Kuo Luo, has arrived in Paris, and in the course of an interview with a representative of *Le Temps* stated that he would do all in his power to tighten and develop economical and intellectual Franco-Chinese relations.

He added that he would hand over to the Paris Institute for Chinese Studies, copious material concerning China's history, her literature and her arts.—*Havas.*

CHINESE IN TROUBLE IN MEXICO.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AID
SOUGHT.

Washington, Mar. 12.

The Chinese Legation in Mexico City has requested the good offices of the American Government on behalf of the Chinese in the districts occupied by the rebels, notably Chihuahua, Tlaxcala and Mazatlan.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HONGKONG HELPS THE MINERS.

\$6,000 MARK NEARLY
REACHED.

CONCERT & CATHEDRAL
COLLECTIONS.

A.D.C. SHOW COMING.

We are happy to-day to be able to announce further substantial contributions to the British Miners' Distress Fund, with the result that the total so far received by the *Telegraph* is well on the way to the \$5,000 mark.

The total of new donations to be acknowledged to-day comes to more than \$300. The list is headed by a grant of \$500 being part proceeds of the K.O.S.B. variety entertainment held on February 16th at the Theatre Royal as a farewell to Mrs. Luard. This handsome allocation is much appreciated.

Cathedral Collections.

Collections taken at St. John's Cathedral on Sunday yielded the very satisfactory sum of \$28.25, and our sincere thanks are due to the Cathedral authorities for helping the Fund to this extent.

Other contributions include \$50 from "We Ten," this being the result of a small collection taken after a card party by local residents. The kindly thought inspiring this collection is much appreciated. Another \$5 comes from Kongmoon golfers, this being the second contribution. The donors state that there are only three members of the little golf course at Kongmoon, of whom only one is British. Their remembrance of the British miners is to be commended.

A.D.C. Show.

Prospects of another welcome addition to the Fund are assured by an announcement that the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has decided to put on another show in the near future, donating half of the profits to the Miners' Fund. The play chosen is A.A. Milne's well-known three-act light comedy, "The Dover Road." Our thanks are due to the A.D.C. Committee for their very generous decision.

The first performance is to take place at the Theatre Royal on April 6th, and the season will extend for five nights. For this play the cast will be composed of A.D.C. members who have not so far appeared this season.

"The Dover Road" is a most entertaining comedy, and those who see it will have the double satisfaction of witnessing a really bright show and at the same time assisting a most deserving cause.

The amount so far received by the *Telegraph* is as follows:

Already acknowledged	\$4,737.40.
& 10/-	
K. O. S. B. Concert	500.00.
St. John's Cathedral Collections	328.25.
"We Ten"	50.00.
Kongmoon Golfers (2nd. donation)	5.00.

Total 5,175.65.

An independent commentator, writing on a recent visit to the Welsh fields, says:

"In these valleys the visitor finds the narrow streets of the little towns crowded all day long with unemployed men, seeking in each other's company some distraction as the days of waiting for work stretch out into years and it becomes slowly more difficult to keep up hope."

Although many of the younger men have gone away, there are still 80,000 unemployed left in these valleys, and the Mid-Rhonda area, which contains the largest proportion of old mines, offers the most complete spectacle of concentrated destitution, about 80,000 men and their families having subsisted without a wage income for two or three years.

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BANK LOSES CASE.

JUDGMENT IN EXCHANGE CONTRACT ACTION.

The action brought by the Banque Industrielle de Chine against Tuen Kee Hong, of No. 24, Cleverly Street, for \$11,554.78 as damages for alleged breach of an exchange contract, was concluded before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Supreme Court yesterday, when judgment was given for the defendants with costs. The chief facts of the case, which commenced yesterday week, are contained in his Lordship's judgment which is given below.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, of Messrs. Doacons, was for the Bank, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. H. Losoby, of Messrs. Russ and Company, conducted the case for the defence.

After Mr. Jenkin had made his final address for the plaintiffs, his Lordship, in delivering judgment, said that the contract in question was dated February 22, 1921, and was made between the plaintiffs and the defendants. The effect of the contract was that in consideration of the plaintiffs agreeing to have at the defendants' disposal the sum of \$10,000 sterling during the month of July, 1921, in London, the defendants agreed to pay for that \$10,000 at the rate of 2/5 1/8 to the dollar.

Until the plaintiffs were called upon to carry out the contract by the defendants, the former had to do nothing, normally. The procedure would have been for the defendants to have offered the local currency equivalent of \$10,000 sterling to the bank and asked them to pay the money through their London office, to a certain person or persons, which they would be bound to do.

Bank's Failure.

On July 2, when the contract had become performable, the bank's doors were closed. It was quite true that the defendants had not, up to July 2, called upon the bank to carry out the contract. The evidence was that on July 2, 1921, the sub-manager of the defendant firm Mr. To Cheuk-ki, went to the bank and found the doors closed with a notice posted up which stated that the bank would not carry out its obligations until further notice, and that the notice had been posted in consequence of orders received from the head office in France.

The next thing that happened, according to the evidence, was that on July 6, 1921, Mr. To interviewed the assistant compradore of the bank. On arriving at the bank on that occasion, Mr. To had stated that only half the door was open and the notice of insolvency was still posted up. Mr. To asked the assistant compradore about the contract and he replied by pointing to the notice of suspension of payments, saying that the bank was unable to carry out their exchange contracts as all branches had suspended business.

His Lordship continued that that was the only evidence he had as to the position of the bank between July 2 and 5, 1921. It seemed he was bound to hold that that condition continued unless there was some evidence that the bank put itself into a position to carry out its contracts under such circumstances that the contract in question must still be held to have continued in effect.

Insolvency Continued.

There was no pleading in reply that the bank in any way rehabilitated itself. His Lordship said he had only the statement in the defence, that the bank was closed on July 2 and a notice of insolvency continued right through the month of July and the plaintiffs were never in a position, on the facts before the court, to carry out their contract and that consequently the claim must fail.

His Lordship went on to say that there were further grounds on which the contract must be

CHINESE GUNBOAT.

TO SHOW THE FLAG IN FOREIGN SEAS.

It is learned, says the Canton Gazette, that Admiral Chan Chak, chief of the Naval Bureau, is still working on his idea of despatching a gunboat to show the flag in foreign seas, and Mr. Yuen Liu-kai, his Chief Secretary, has been entrusted with the work of outlining a workable scheme which will first be submitted to the local City Party Headquarters, and when approved will be referred to the Third Party Congress for final decision.

Some weeks ago Admiral Chan Chak submitted this proposal to the Military Headquarters, suggesting that the gunboat Fuying be sent to the Straits Settlements to display the flag to the overseas Chinese. The Straits Settlements was suggested as the first place to visit as the patriots from this locality had always shown great loyalty and had given great assistance in the work of establishing the Chinese Republic. This proposal was supported by the Military Headquarters, and referred to the Central Political Council for further consideration. The forthcoming National Congress, however, offers a splendid opportunity to acquaint the representatives from all parts of the country as well as from overseas ports of the projected scheme, and it is confidently anticipated that the matter will receive unanimous support, particularly from the overseas delegates.

held to have ceased to have any effect as against the defendants. It was quite clearly established by the authorities that insolvency itself did not destroy a contract but it also seemed quite clear that where there was insolvency, it must be clearly established on behalf of the insolvent that he was in a position to carry out his contracts.

In the present case, what evidence there was that the insolvent declared he was not in a position to carry out his contracts.

Defendants' Point of View.

The defence had suggested that the position, so far as the defendants were concerned, was changed. The bank should have notified the defendants of its intention to carry out the contract, otherwise the defendants were entitled to consider that the notice of insolvency and the closing of the doors still continued and that consequently there had been a breach of the contract by the plaintiffs and the defendants were discharged.

Dealing with another aspect of the case, his Lordship went on to say that the contract ceased to operate as from the end of July, 1921. There was evidence that a document was sent by the bank, dated July 30, which was delivered to the defendants on August 8. That document was a very curious one. It professed to be a claim, but it contained very incorrect statements. It certainly referred to the purchase by the defendants of \$10,000 but it mis-stated the rate which was to govern the dollar and also gave the wrong date of the contract. After that note had been delivered nothing was done for nearly six years.

It was quite clear that the mere fact of the plaintiffs not pressing their claim would not be sufficient to show the claim could not have been applied and if at the end of July there was, in fact, a claim by the plaintiffs against the defendants valid in law, mere delay in enforcing that claim would not be sufficient to prevent their succeeding in the action. The defendants, however, did not use the long delay as evidence. They had said that having regard to all the facts which had been proved—the closing of the doors on July 2, the conversation between Mr. To and the assistant compradore on July 5, and having regard that nothing had been done—there was evidence

MR. & MRS. ROBSON.

FUNERAL OF HOTEL DISASTER VICTIMS.

There was a large attendance at the funeral of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robson, whose remains were interred in one grave in the Protestant cemetery yesterday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Hewitt, Naval Chaplain, officiated.

Both coffins were placed in one hearse, that of Mr. Robson being draped in a Union Jack. From the Monument, the cortege was headed by a firing party from the King's Own Scottish Borderers under the command of Regimental Sergeant Major Parkinson and Sergeant Barham, a piper from the Battalion piping the cortege to the cemetery.

On each side of the hearse marched members of the Scottish Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. Capt. K. S. Morrison, Officer Commanding the Company, represented Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., and Major Wolfe Murray, Adjutant. Other officers of the company present were Lieut. Alister MacKenzie, in charge of the detachment of the Scottish company, Lieut. Forsyth, and Lieut. Duncan, with C. S. M. Brown and Sergeants Cuthill, Fletcher and Sanderson.

Immediately behind the hearse was Mr. E. A. S. Hayward, O.B.E., Naval Store Officer, who is in charge of the department in which the late Mr. Robson was employed. Following Mr. Hayward, who was the chief mourner, were Commodore R. A. S. Hill, Commander Phillips, Engineer Captain W. H. Mitchell, Surg. Lieut. Com. F. G. Hunt and Engineer Lieut. Com. A. W. Chisholm-Batten.

There was a large number of employees of the Royal Naval Yard as well as others present including Messrs. S. R. Tickner, B. G. Quick, H. Barlow, T. L. Mathias, C. C. Teller, W. J. Holt, A. J. V. Ashby, S. J. Heath, E. R. Robinson, C. J. Marsh, S. L. Rutledge, H. R. G. Beer, W. J. P. Bennett, F. H. Fosse, W. J. P. Bickford, H. W. M. Harrison, K. C. Sayer, F. Foale, S. M. Pegg, C. C. Hughes, C. E. Jones, W. E. Hollands, A. W. Bliss, J. Smith, G. T. May, F. Smith, J. H. Whitehead and numerous others.

Wreaths were laid on the grave from the following: "Fred," Commodore R. A. S. Hill; Admiralty and Royal Dockyard Technical Officers Association; Staff, Royal Naval Armament Depot; Chief Engineer's Office Staff; Commanders, H.M. Naval Yard; Civil Secretary and Cashier and Staff, H.M. Naval Yard; Directing and European Office Staff of the Naval Store Department; Civil Service Clerical Association; S. E. E. Department; All Ranks, Hongkong Volunteers; Scottish Company; H. K. V. D. C. Members of Commanders of Dockyard Department; Local Staff, Assistant Accountant Office; Local Clerical Staff, Naval Store Office; Store Keeping Staff, Naval Store Department; H. K. V. D. C. Captain, and many others.

Chinese "Boy" Buried.

The Chinese "boy" of the King Edward Hotel, Leung Kwan, who lost his life in the fire, was also buried yesterday afternoon the entire Chinese staff of the Hotel attending the last rites.

from which it should be inferred that both parties to the contract treated it as at an end during the month of July.

Judgment For Defendants.

The only fact which was against that finding was the letter of July 30, 1921. The circumstances of its delivery, by whom it had been prepared and sent out, not having been explained, it seemed the long delay in bringing the action went to show that during the month of July the contract had been put an end to by mutual agreement by both parties.

His Lordship held that the claim must fail and accordingly entered judgment for the defendants with costs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WORLD PEACE.

(To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.)

Sir,—May I be permitted to here-with draw the attention of your readers to the good work done by the International Correspondence League (Headquarters:—84, Boundary Road, London N. W. 8.), for the promotion of universal peace amongst the nations and countries of the world, through mutual better understanding, by inviting and facilitating friendly correspondence. The League has been working successfully for a number of years already, and has now become an integral part of the World Peace Department of The Theosophical Order of Service still retaining its name as the International Correspondence League. It is now represented in practically every country of the world and the scope of its work is world wide.

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BOMBING TRAGEDY.

BRITISH OFFICER'S TRIAL BY COURT MARTIAL.

Peshawar, Mar. 12. Major Harrison, charged with culpable neglect and conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, in connexion with the bombing of Indian troops during manoeuvres, has been acquitted on the first charge, the Court martial reserving judgment on the second.

Major Harrison, who was in command of the bombed troops, gave evidence that he had no reason to suspect danger.—*Reuter.* [A message from Peshawar on March 7 stated.—A court martial over which Brig-General C. M. Wavell presided, opened to-day for the purpose of trying Major M.C.C. Harrison, D.S.O., M.C., of the 1st Armoured Car Company, Royal Tank Corps, on a charge of culpable neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline in connexion with the bombing tragedy at Jamrud. The bombing accident occurred near Peshawar on January 23, and three Indian officers and thirteen other ranks lost their lives. The troops were bombed by an aeroplane after entering the danger zone.]

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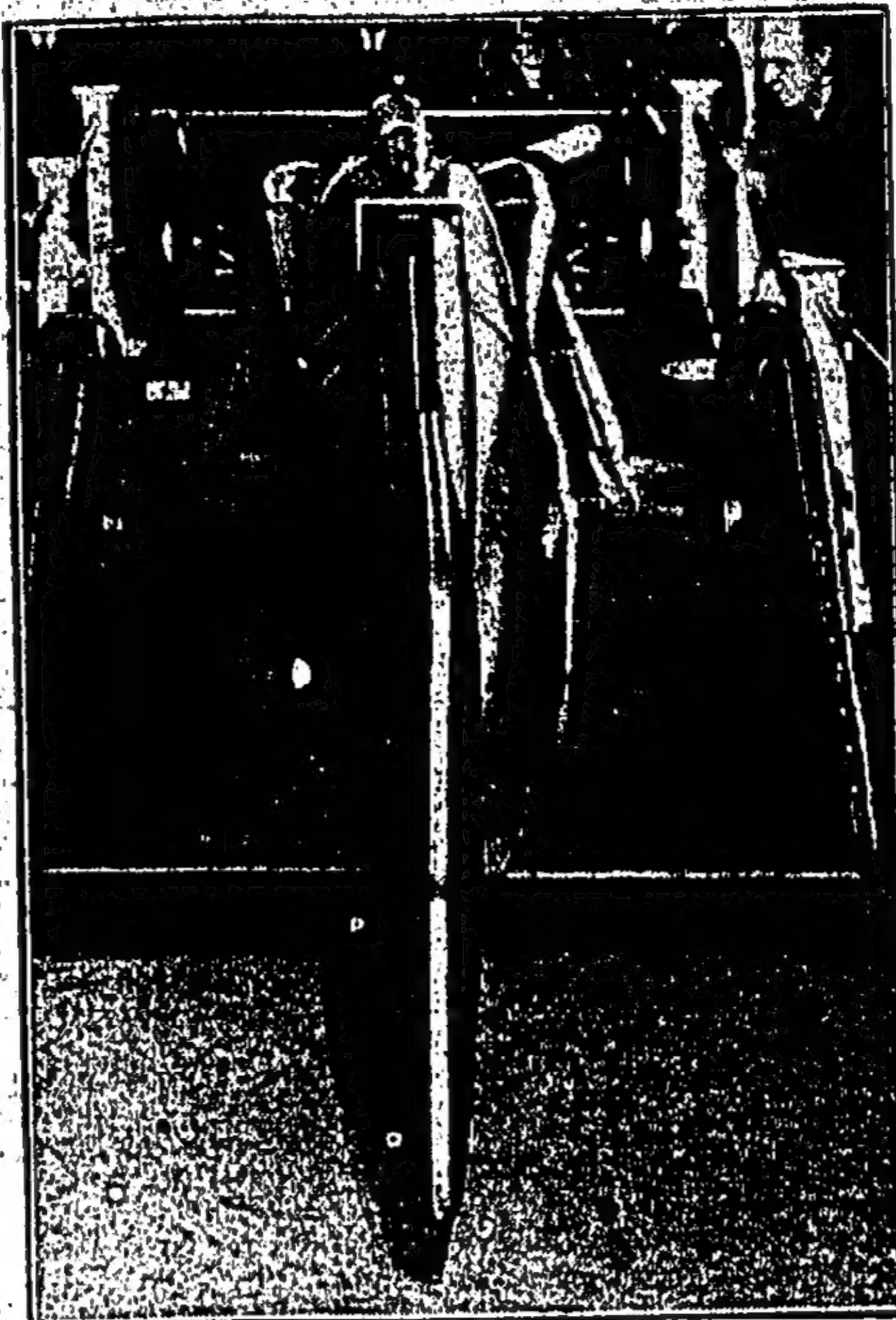
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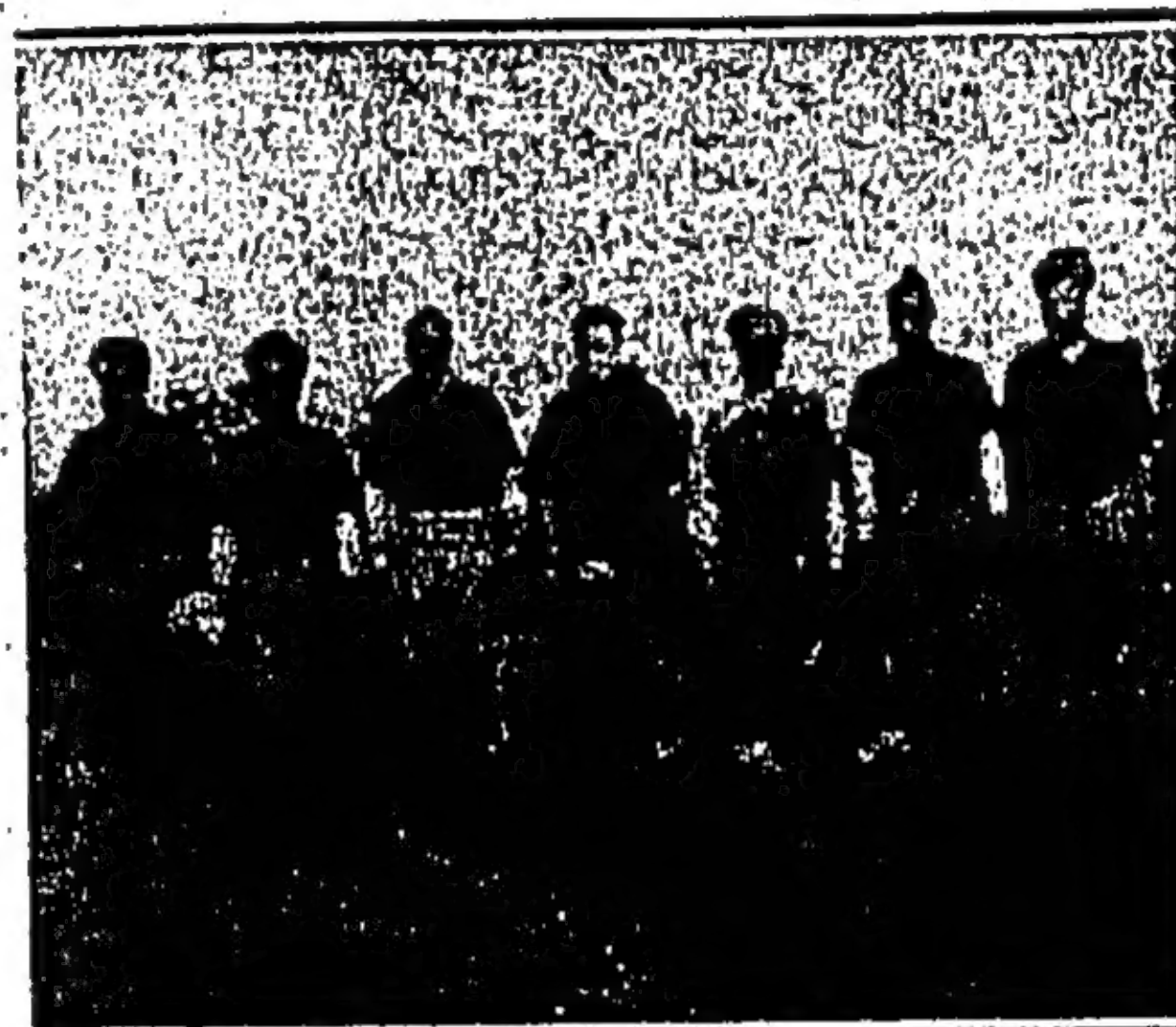
The smoldering wreckage of houses that were burned down in the great fire which destroyed the Tatavla quarter of Pera, Constantinople recently. Five hundred houses were destroyed and some 2,500 poor people made homeless. (Times copyright).



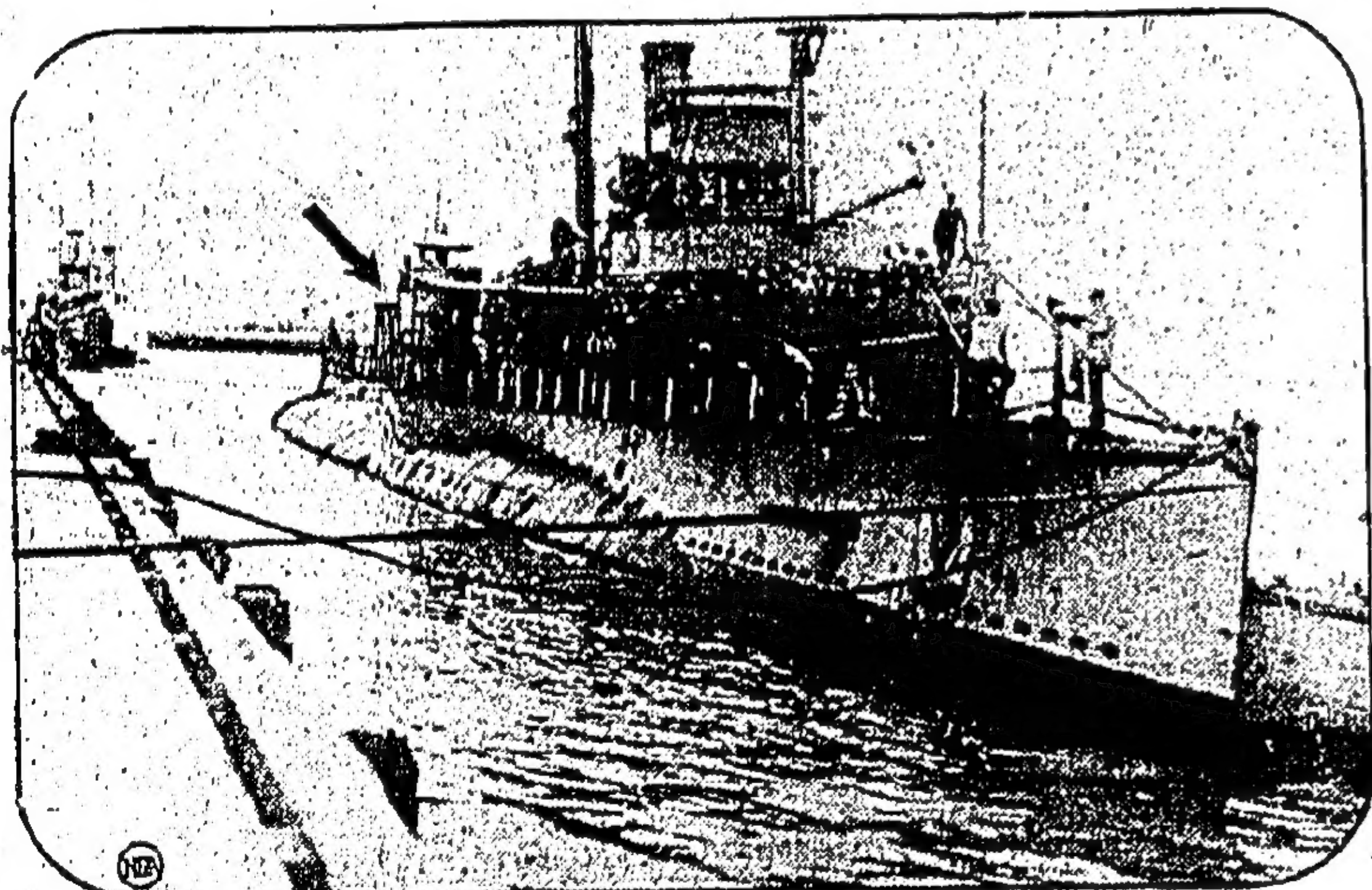
Another picture of the Golden Arrow, in which Major Segrave beat the world land speed record on Daytona Beach on Monday. He attained the amazing speed of over 231 miles an hour in opposite directions, beating the previous record by nearly 24 m.p.h. (Times copyright).



Arnold Lunn and Walter Amstutz, the second pair in the race for the Searamanga Cup for roped ski, taking the Hog's Back Switzerland. The mist-veiled mountains shown in the distance are the Elger, the Monch, and the Jungfrau. (Times copyright).



The Sikh hockey team, attached to Shanghai Police forces. They have been doing well in Shanghai. Sgt. Widdowson, their captain, is seen in the centre.



Above is shown the reconstructed U. S. submarine S-4, ready for the experiments recently carried out and reported by Reuter, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of new safety devices. Two officers were voluntarily imprisoned in the S-4 which was deliberately sunk. They escaped through the safety hatch indicated by the arrow. The S-4 is shown at Key West.



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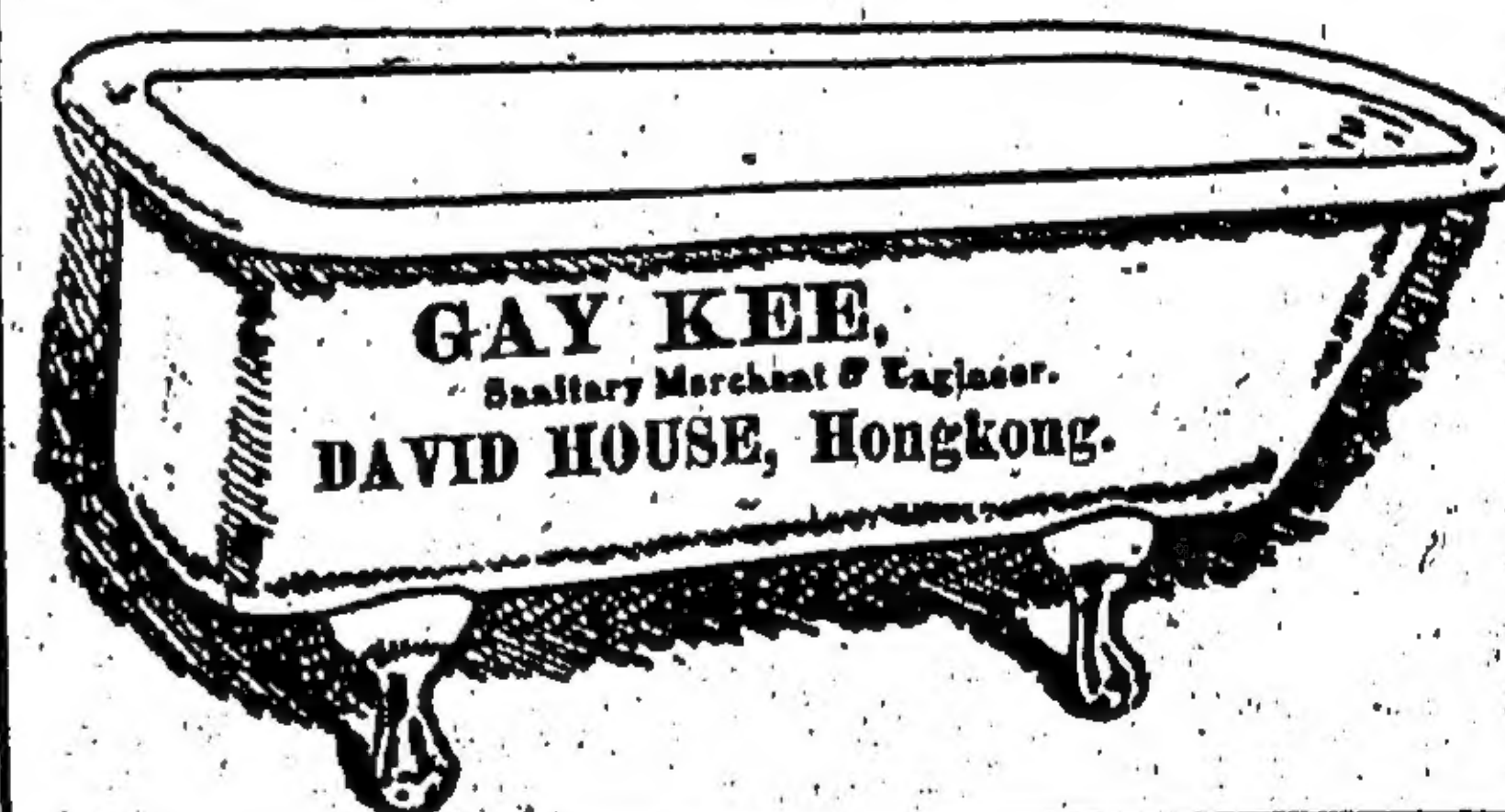
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ALLEGED TRADE MALPRACTICES.**STRONG WARNING TO COLONY EXPORT FIRMS.****MR. ROCHA PROTESTS.**

Mr. T. G. Weall, presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce yesterday, said that short-sighted means of endeavouring to reduce costs to meet markets had led to malpractices and caused serious complaints from consuming centres.

These remarks were described "derogatory expressions from the chair" by Mr. J. M. da Rocha, who stated he thought that the Chairman had come to conclusions incompatible with the facts, in a laudable desire to raise the standard of delivery. Mr. da Rocha contended that in his opinion there had been, generally speaking, a marked improvement in 1928.

Before beginning his speech, the Chairman expressed, on behalf of the Chamber, deep regret at the tragic disaster of the King Edward Hotel fire. The Chamber's sympathy, he said, was with the relatives of those who lost their lives and with those who were injured in escaping from the fire. He continued:

Gentlemen: As you are aware, commencing 1st January, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has become incorporated under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance, and the entire assets and liabilities of the Chamber have now been transferred to the incorporated Chamber.

From the accounts, you will observe that once again the Committee are able to present a balance sheet showing a surplus of income over expenditure. On this occasion the sum of \$8,728 has been added to the general reserve, which now stands at \$74,216.61. Our income from subscriptions is practically stationary, but unusually large receipts from arbitrations and surveys assisted in swelling the total receipts. Expenditure under the respective headings is practically normal, the only appreciable increase will be found under "Secretarial Expenses." Last year you were informed that the services of an Assistant Secretary were necessary to cope with the

work. After careful selection, Mr. Price has been engaged and started his duties last November to relieve our hard-working Secretary. We are confident that this addition to the staff will enable the important work to be maintained and extended. The extra expense, which has been saved since 1924, will absorb the greater part of the surplus we have shown in recent years.

Your Committee have in mind the possibility of effecting a few economies, but you will realise that it would be unwise to reduce subscriptions unless we are able to increase the number of members. We have at present 170 members and it is proposed to make a canvass after this meeting. The Chamber does valuable work in the interests of the entire commercial community, and it is only right that everyone interested in the trade of the Colony should give their support.

Chinese Language School.

It is gratifying to see that the Chinese Language School is being well supported and the surplus for the year, of \$1,233, goes to reduce the deficit which now stands at \$3,301. Our thanks are due to His Excellency the Governor for his keen interest in the study of the Chinese language and for his remarks at the last annual meeting, which no doubt did much to promote the study of the Chinese language amongst commercial staffs. We are also indebted to Mr. Wong Tai-kwong and Mr. K. S. Morrison for their assistance in examining the scholars for certificates.

Deaths.

It is with much regret that we have to record the recent death of Mr. H. P. White, senior partner of Messrs. Douglas LaPraik & Co., a firm which has been a member of the Chamber since its foundation in 1861. During the year, we have also to record, with regret, the loss of Major Henry Keswick (who was a member of the Committee from 1927 to 1928) and of Mr. Edward Shellim, for many years a member of the Committee.

The China Situation.

Members have quite recently had an opportunity of listening to or reading the interesting speech delivered by Mr. Compton at the

annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which dealt very comprehensively with the China situation, and I feel therefore that any lengthy statement on this occasion may be unnecessary.

The year has been marked by several very important steps in the direction of solidification and unification of the country and its relations with Foreign Powers. Nineteen hundred, and twenty-eight should go down in the world's history as the year in which China was granted Tariff Autonomy and in which many Commercial Treaties were revised and placed on more modern lines.

Although the Nationalist Party nominally holds sway over the entire country, their authority in the Northern Provinces appears to be more nominal than real, and we all regret to note that at the moment they seem to be facing a critical situation. Rome was not built in a day, however, and provided the Nationalist Government can live up to their undertakings, both to their own country and to the Powers, we should see gradual improvement and more stable conditions. Much still remains to be accomplished: many loans are in default; the country's credit is at a low ebb; irregular taxation is difficult to stop; railways are being "milked" of legitimate revenue that is so badly needed to repair permanent way and rolling stock; the cost of the Armies impoverishes the country, and finances have yet to be placed on a budgetary basis.

Spirit of Progress.

On the other hand, there is no doubt that the spirit of progress is present and China, with its comparatively low standard of living, has great powers of recuperation, provided it enjoys a few years of peace and quiet. Business failures have been remarkably few, even prior to the New Year Settlement, and there is evidence of gradually returning confidence.

Turning more particularly to the South, Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces bore the brunt of the Northern Expedition, but signs are not wanting to show the rapid recovery that is already being made. The Provincial Governments are actively turning their attention to questions of education, public health, utilities, and communications. Travelling,

which is still undertaken in the Northern and Central Provinces with a certain amount of risk, is now probably safer in our two neighbouring Provinces and Fukien than has been the case for many years past. Stern anti-piracy measures are being taken and it is significant that tow-boats and launches in the Delta are now able to ply without armed guards.

In this connexion, Mr. Perry has very kindly presented to the Chamber three maps showing the progress of road construction in Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Fukien. The extent of the roads is about 3,000 miles and I understand that the up-country staff of the B. A. T. have travelled safely over practically the whole of the mileage.

In trade the past year can only be classified as indifferent, but with the depleted buying power of the country we can hardly hope for anything more than slow improvement. Farmers and villagers are busily engaged repairing the ravages of warfare and banditry and this is absorbing their available resources. When this step has been completed, a gradual improvement in trade should be seen, and it is to be hoped that the Import Tariff, which has only been fixed for one year, will not be drastically revised and so once again hamper commerce.

Hongkong's Position.

It may not be out of place to recall the remarks made by the Chairman of the China Association at the annual dinner in London last November as to the peculiar administrative disabilities, which must tend to weaken Hongkong's position, and which are perhaps more noticeable under the present changing conditions of China than formerly. I refer to the fact that, while being geographically a part of China, we are out of touch with the country owing to the administration of the Colony being under the Secretary of State for the Crown Colonies whereas the Imperial policy of Great Britain towards China is dictated by the Foreign Office. It is more than ever essential that Hongkong should be in the closest possible touch with the neighbouring Province and I trust that the reference to our position by the Chairman of the China Association will not go altogether unheeded.

When the Tariff Treaty was under consideration, the Chamber

of Commerce once more drew the attention of the authorities to the need for a system of bonded warehouses in Hongkong, so that goods moving from one part of China to another should not lose their status as Chinese cargo, which is the case at present where transshipment is necessary. It would also tend to maintain Hongkong's position as a distributing centre for overseas trade. A system of warehouses bonded by Chinese Customs would also materially assist imports from abroad.

Turning to the Chamber's activities, these are fully covered in the Annual Report, but the following may perhaps be mentioned.

With a view to providing a substitute for the "Daily Bulletin," a service of Reuters' market telegrams was commenced last July. It is found, however, that in many instances the quotations given are hardly applicable to this market and subscribers will be given an opportunity before the present contract terminates of considering whether they wish to continue the service, or adopt some alternative.

Most of you have doubtless received a notice from the Cable Companies as to the International Telegraph Conference dealing with the amendments to the regulations for code telegrams. The Chamber understands that the introduction of these regulations is meeting with opposition from commercial bodies at Home and on the Continent, and the Chamber has recently suggested that objections might well be lodged by the Associated Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong.

The Stamp Ordinance.

The Chamber's attitude regarding the revision of the Stamp Ordinance is fully set out in the Report. While in sympathy with the Government in their endeavour to secure the revenue to which they are entitled by law, your Committee has urged that care must be taken not to place unreasonable impositions on investments and thus drive capital away from the Colony. An early decision has been requested, and I am authorised by the Government to state that this matter is receiving their earnest consideration, in conjunction with various suggestions that have been made, but that they are unable at the moment to indicate what action will be taken.

The Report also deals with the question of recommending trade statistics. After making exhaustive enquiries as to the methods adopted at home, in Singapore, Ceylon and elsewhere, the Chamber addressed a letter to the Government on 5th February, this year, suggesting that statistics be recommended on a restricted basis in keeping with the wish expressed by members. There is no doubt that had statistics not been discontinued, figures for the years 1924-28 would now be most illuminating to the Government and useful to merchants.

Local Shipping.

An important matter, and one full of technicalities and difficulties, is the question of introducing regulations in Hongkong governing the construction and survey of local shipping and small craft on lines similar to the Board of Trade rules at Home. It is realised that Board of Trade regulations as they stand could hardly be made applicable to local conditions, because the type of craft, cargo and passenger trade all differ from those existing at Home. After exchange of correspondence with the Government, the Chamber has now set up a special Sub-Committee of experts, while the Government has promised whatever technical assistance is required with a view to drawing up a set of regulations suitable for local conditions, which will be recognised by neighbouring countries but at the same time will not impose unnecessary hardships on craft under local registration, or place Hongkong at a disadvantage compared with neighbouring ports.

Vehicular Ferry.

The question of a vehicular ferry across the Harbour appears to be becoming somewhat of a yearly annual. As long ago as 1922, the Chamber were urgently requested by the Government to submit their views on the matter. Development of any scheme was delayed by the trouble of 1925/26 but there should be no cause for further delay and the need for a vehicular ferry for both cars and lorries is only too obvious. At the end of last year, the Government issued a sessional paper giving the results of their enquiries. This is printed in extenso on pages 83/94 of the Report, and outlines a scheme calling for the outlay of a large amount of capital, and a ferry

service on such an elaborate basis as appears to put the proposition beyond the bounds of possibility as a commercial undertaking for many years to come. It is to be hoped that the Government, in the public interest, will do all they can to facilitate matters. This aspect of the subject has been mentioned at the recent annual meeting of the Star Ferry Company.

The Export Trade.

During the past year, export trade generally has caused the Committee some concern. Short-sighted means of endeavouring to reduce costs to meet markets have led to malpractices and caused serious complaints from consuming centres. Adulteration of Wood Oil and Essential Oils, poor quality Ginger, lowering of the standard of packing and quality of Rice, have been the order of the day, resulting in loss of prestige and trade, while claims have been of common occurrence. This is only in keeping with the history of China's export and calls to mind the loss of Tea trade in Canton, failure to improve culture of Silk, troubles over export standards of Cassia and practically every other article that can be mentioned. I would issue a very strong warning, not only to Chinese dealers, but also to exporters, to see that quality, packing and standards are maintained at a level that will do credit to Hongkong and South China.

I beg to propose that the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Chamber as circulated be adopted.

Committee Congratulated.

Prior to seconding the report, Mr. J. A. Plummer associated himself with the chairman's expression of sympathy for those who had suffered in the hotel fire. He went on to say: Gentlemen, I have been asked to second the adoption of the report and accounts, but as time is drawing on I will make my remarks as brief as possible.

I have read the report and listened with much interest to all our Chairman has told us, and congratulate our hard working Committee on what it has been able to achieve during the year. I can only hope that due weight will be given to its recommendations on the several important local matters which are still pending, particularly with regard to the proposed revision of the Stamp Ordinance.

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ALLEGED TRADE
MALPRACTICES.

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The accounts for the year show a very satisfactory return. Although we are warned to expect increased expenditure in the future, I still hope that means will be found to reduce the subscription, which is undoubtedly high, and to bring more members to the Chamber.

The incorporation of the Chamber under the Hongkong Companies Ordinance is undoubtedly a wise measure and one which I personally advocated some two years ago. I am very glad it is a fact accomplished.

Chinese Affairs.

It must be very pleasing to you, gentlemen, that our Chairman is able to adopt such an optimistic tone in reference to Chinese affairs and trade generally, although I am personally inclined to think that he lays too great stress upon what progress has been made, and too little upon what still remains to be accomplished, before merchants, either Chinese or Foreign, can trade freely with that sense of security which is so essential to prosperity.

That the Nationalist authority is more nominal than real is, I fear, only too true, while signs are not lacking that things are not nearly so happy and peaceful in political circles as may appear on the surface.

Our Chairman touches very lightly on the subject of irregular taxation, extortion, bribery, and corruption, which I am sorry to say is still rife, while no mention whatever is made of the growing evil of smuggling.

In Hongkong, where British merchants do not come into close touch with these irregularities, it may be difficult to realise the paralysing effect which they have upon trade, but I feel convinced that, if the present unsatisfactory conditions continue much longer, we shall hear less of the wonderful recuperative powers of the Chinese.

A Wrong Impression.

Unfortunately the most mildly optimistic statements from an authoritative source such as this Chamber, coupled with often more than optimistic utterance by Nationalist leaders and others, frequently give people at home a totally wrong impression of the true state of affairs in China, and although I am no pessimist I fear it will be many years yet before we can look forward to a return of anything like normal trading conditions.

That the Chinese Language School is being well supported and has shown a surplus for the year under review, is indeed very gratifying, and I trust that there is no longer any fear that the Chamber will abandon these useful classes which are so eminently suitable for merchants wishing to acquire a useful working knowledge of the language.

I am also very glad to hear that the question of local trade statistics is still to the fore, although the irretrievable loss of statistics for the past three years, when they would have been of inestimable value, is much to be deplored.

The unsatisfactory state of the Export trade, arising as it does from causes which are avoidable, and a short sighted policy on the part of export merchants generally, is a matter for concern, and I hope that the Chamber may find a means of maintaining standards, particularly in rice, for which the Chamber issues certificates of quality. It is essential that standards should be clearly set forth and strictly adhered to.

I now have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. da Rocha's Speech.

Mr. J. M. da Rocha said:—With all consideration for the views of the committee in reference to the export trade of the Colony last year, I think in a laudable desire to raise the standard of delivery, you have come to conclusions incompatible with the facts of the case.

Things have not been as well as they might have been, and might be improved I grant, but there is a wide gap between any isolated instance of deliberate bad delivery, and a sustained resort to malpractices in order to meet markets, which your remarks indicate. There have been cases, I admit, where an erroneous interpretation of a contract, or a lack of vigilance enabling an unscrupulous supplier to substitute cargo, have led to complaints and claims, but I think it only fair to state that claims from these causes have been extremely few.

Wood Oil Improvements.

Contrary to your views, Mr. Chairman, in my opinion there has been, generally speaking, a marked improvement in 1928—in

quality, packing and standards of exports. In Wood Oil, I have it on the authority of a firm doing more than half the export of this commodity from Hongkong, claims have been rare, and it came to my knowledge from another source that the quality exported has improved to such a gratifying extent that Hongkong has become a serious competitor to Hankow. Cassia Oil has been the subject of much investigation and adverse comment, but I would draw your attention to the statements of local analysts, referred to in the Chamber's report, who have expressed doubts whether any alcohol was present in Hongkong shipments to America.

The quality of Ginger has improved, even of the old crop, and it remains to be seen whether the improvement will reduce claims which in this commodity, as with others, have coincided with falling prices to the extent of raising a dissatisfaction in the minds of Chinese dealers with London arbitration awards.

Conditions in the rice trade show also an improvement as to quality, weight and packing, and whilst admitting the need for further improvement, my close connection with this trade has not revealed any retrograde step during 1928.

A Protest.

So much for the technical side of the Colony's export business in respect of which I feel your strictures are entirely unwarranted, and on behalf of the general body of exporters no less than the Chinese dealers, I must protest against the derogatory expressions from the Chair.

In so far, however, as your well-meant warning is calculated to check possible abuse in the future, I think Chinese dealers and foreign exporting firms would take heed of the possible consequences to their trade if the greatest possible care be not observed in respect of delivery. In this, the Chamber can assist materially by requiring of their surveyors in the future the same strict view of their duties which they have adopted in the past.

Indiscriminate Competition.

There are other points in the export business, Sir, which you have not touched upon, and which are not only important in themselves but their proper appreciation will help our friends, the Chinese dealers, towards the constant improvement in standard of delivery we are all aiming for. I refer to the indiscriminate competition which can obtain a profit only by taking a position on the particular cargo dealt in, or by snatching a fraction in exchange, or even from a long spread-out freight rebate. If the trade requires speculation at all, which I doubt, I think buyers are obtaining all the benefit of the risks undertaken by exporters, risks which may leave them on the wrong side of the book, and at best not benefit them more than to the extent of the moderate commission they are entitled to any way. It appears to me, Mr. Chairman, that a realisation of these factors by all parties concerned will not only enable exporters to obtain a fair rate of commission, but also to pass a part of it to their suppliers in consideration of the maintenance always of the best possible standard.

Mr. S. M. Churn said that he had listened with interest to Mr. da Rocha's remarks and concurred.

To Go to Committees.

In reply, the Chairman stated that the matters raised would fully be gone into by the committee and by the Export sub-committee of which Mr. da Rocha had been Chairman during the past year. The Chairman added that he had issued the warning because, contrary to Mr. da Rocha's remarks, the Chamber had been inundated with arbitrations. The report and statement of accounts were adopted.

The Chairman stated that the Chamber elected a general committee on the introduction of the Articles of the Incorporated Chamber, and that committee would stand until next year. It was, therefore, not necessary to elect a new committee.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were elected auditors at a fee of \$200 per annum.

The election of the following members by the Committee during 1928, was confirmed: Mr. J. E. Joseph, Messrs. Wallace Harper and Co. Ltd., and Messrs. Sing Hing and Co.

At a Committee meeting held subsequent to the Annual Meeting, Mr. Nollage S. Brown was elected Chairman of the Chamber for the ensuing year and Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Vice-chairman.

Members Present.

Mr. T. G. Wall (Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd.), Chairman of the Chamber, and the following members of the General Committee, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie (Vice-Chairman), the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. Nollage S. Brown, Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. T. E. Pearce and Mr.

F. A. Perry. Co-opted members:—the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton and Capt. R. H. Campbell, M.C., R.M.

The following members were represented:

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BRITISH TRADE.

MEASURES SUGGESTED FOR
REGENERATION.

London, Mar. 12.

The necessity of thoroughly reconditioning the organisation and equipment of British industries is stressed in the final report of the Committee on industry and trade established in 1924 under the chairmanship of Sir Arthur Delfour.

The Committee does not believe that any of the principal basic industries have been so weakened by long continued depression as not to have the power within themselves to take the first measures towards their own regeneration.

The report declares that at all costs the power of access of new capital must be regained, for which measures of financial reconstruction, the writing down of capital and amalgamations in order to increase the size of the business unit, may be among the essential measures to be taken.

Dealing with Empire markets, the report particularly draws attention to the high value of imperial preference.—*Reuter.*

Drop in Imports and Exports.

London, Mar. 12.

The Board of Trade returns for February are:

Imports, \$91,349,000 and exports \$66,665,000, being decreases of \$24,714,000 and \$11,214,000, compared with January.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE LOANS.

SALT REVENUE SUFFICIENT
FOR CURRENT DUES.

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

The North China Daily News understands that the Salt Revenue Department has placed sufficient funds with the group banks to meet foreign loan obligations secured thereon and due shortly, being sufficient to meet the Crisp and Anglo-French loan coupons, but there is no information obtainable whether the funds will be used to pay last year's defaulted coupon or the present year's coupon.—*Reuter.*

insurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. F. S. Harrison), Messrs. Thoresen & Co. (Mr. B. O. Anderson and Mr. P. Kristofersen), The Union Trading Co. Ltd. (Mr. S. M. Churn), Messrs. Harry Wickes & Co. (Mr. H. Owen Hughes), Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist (Mr. D. H. Blake), with the Secretary (Mr. M. F. Key).

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

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GALLI-CURCI.

MAKES FINE IMPRESSION.

Writing on Galli-Curci's first appearance in Manila, Professor T. Inglis Moore says:

Pearls, silver, pure, and flawless... Tiny cascades scattering drops of crystal spray, which sparkle as they catch the sunbeams... Thistledown, light, aerial, floating high and low at the slightest bidding of an autumn wind... Pearls silver and pure. Notes of Galli-Curci.

Yes, these are the images which might serve to represent the singing of the great coloratura soprano. Here is no golden effulgence of Madame Melba; none of the passionate inspiration which was Tetrazzini at her best. Perhaps sometimes one might wish for a little opalescence in the pearls, desire instead the red-headed, ruby. But let us be thankful for the gifts the gods give us, and rejoice in a loveliness of sound, a perfection of artistry, which is silver, crystal, aerial. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon. But both are glorious.

Galli-Curci combines exceptional quality of voice with a wonderful coloratura technique. Her voice is of fine tone, liquid, clear, pure, flexible, and of prevailing evenness. Her technique is almost impeccable. She can take both cantilena and bravura with ease, especially the first, her attack is never blurred and her legato is beautifully smooth. She can toss off floriture, spin cantilena, and give chromatic runs or trills with amazing dexterity and grace. She has little abandon but great restraint.

One programme is insufficient for exhibition of such versatile ability but last night a capacity crowd at the Grand Opera House gave "the world's greatest prima donna" an ovation upon her first appearance in Manila, indeed, in the East. The programme was varied but not better and better. In fact, the first two items were slight and even trivial. The opening item was a very subdued, almost tame, affair. The gypsy song was fairly but not impressively, though its encore contained some attractive phrasing.

The delightful "Lark" song with flute accompaniment showed the singer warming up more, and her flexibility was displayed in some beautiful trills. The Brahms song was fairly but not impressively, though its encore contained some attractive work.

In the "Chanson Indoue" she maintained some difficult notes with a flawless purity. The "Mignon Polonaise" was spoiled by a flat note but otherwise gave us some lovely singing, with a fine variety of range.

The Samuels "Pierrot" was altogether charming and the Dobson number was notable for some perfect rhythmic work. "The Little Damsel" with its favour of the seventeenth century madrigal was delightful throughout and the interpretation was marked by sympathy, humour, and lyric tenderness.

The applause here necessitated three encores, and "La Paloma" and the familiar "Twilight Song" were given with richness of feeling and enchanting melody.

Galli-Curci had certainly captured her house and the last item held it enthralled. It was the best, too, the famous "Shadow Song" from "Dinorah." Here the art of the soprano was given full rein. The result was enough to satisfy for an evening's entertainment.

Mr. Samuels accompanied and played individual items with refined and sympathetic artistry, and a simplicity free from any mannerisms. I liked him very much. The flutist, Signor Alberghini, was excellent in both obbligato, but especially the later.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Men and Women Talkers.

A clever woman writer declared not long ago that, for conversation, she preferred men, but, for friendship, women.

At first I thought that she had expressed exactly a long-held feeling of my own, but then I began to remember some of the gaps that nearly always exist in conversation between men and women, or at least, between most men and women.

Certainly a man will discuss with you cheerfully, if you get hold of the right one, theories and philosophies and policies which you would not dare mention to most of your women friends.

He will even think more of you for being interested in such things, whereas, most of you know as well as I do that, among women, you are expected to keep these deep thoughts well away from those who have not shown an unmistakable desire to hear them.

But is there not a whole world of more tender, more radiant, more spiritual thought, which you would never, or very, rarely open up to a man?

And is it not true that many women enter that world without difficulty, sometimes even without words, and so come nearer to you in reality than men ever do, even after much talking and true friendship? H. M. In Exchange.



A slightly pouched back, diagonal flounces, and cascading side draperies are featured on this engaging dinner gown. It is carried out in bronze faille, a rich shade of a fascinating fabric which is being largely used just now for more or less formal models.

Colours & Patterns.

THE VOGUE FOR SMALL CHECKS.

Designers always tell us that no fashion drops from the blue, as it were. It represents a trend that has been developing for months. The vogue for small checks, then, is quite in order, since they have been forcing their way to the front for several seasons. If in doubt, it is perfectly safe to choose a check. Every new spring material shows a preponderance of checked designs in black and white, brown and beige, red and white, and blue and white, to say nothing of red and purple, and mustard and dark green. But all checks must be small—the smaller the merrier.

Colours are bright, but subtly blended. The most successful designs comprise a lovely combination of admirably chosen shades.

A light weight Angora was covered with geometrical figures in canary, blue and black. Perhaps it is because the designs are so carefully worked out that they look rich and satisfying. It would take a lot to beat one of the new patterned jerseys carried out in fawn, coffee colour and black, with an outline of brilliant orange to blend them together.

Parma violet, peony and mastic colour were combined together on a beige background. The design was small, and the general effect was of a mastic-coloured trellis work, figured with gay groups of violet and peony spots.

Designs of this description are seen in many variations.

Some of the sports jerseys are extremely attractive.

As far as possible designers aim at creating something which will "match" the pattern of tweeds. One effective fabric showed a herringbone design in two contrasting shades running in straight lines. Stockinette and tweeds which equally match are to be obtained.

Smart tweeds are light in colouring. White is an important factor

Nightlights.

CHARMING WAYS TO BANISH CHILDREN'S FEARS.

Although many modern children are brought up so free from childish fears that they drop off to sleep happily in total darkness, it is wise, for the child's own sake, to give a little one with a nervous temperament, some comforting glimmer of light in the night nursery.

The new nightlights are electric ones, of course. Wee globes in all colours are now obtainable, with simple filaments and flex wiring which can be attached to any wall plug. Some are modelled and coloured to represent birds, animals, amusing figures, fruits and flower buds.

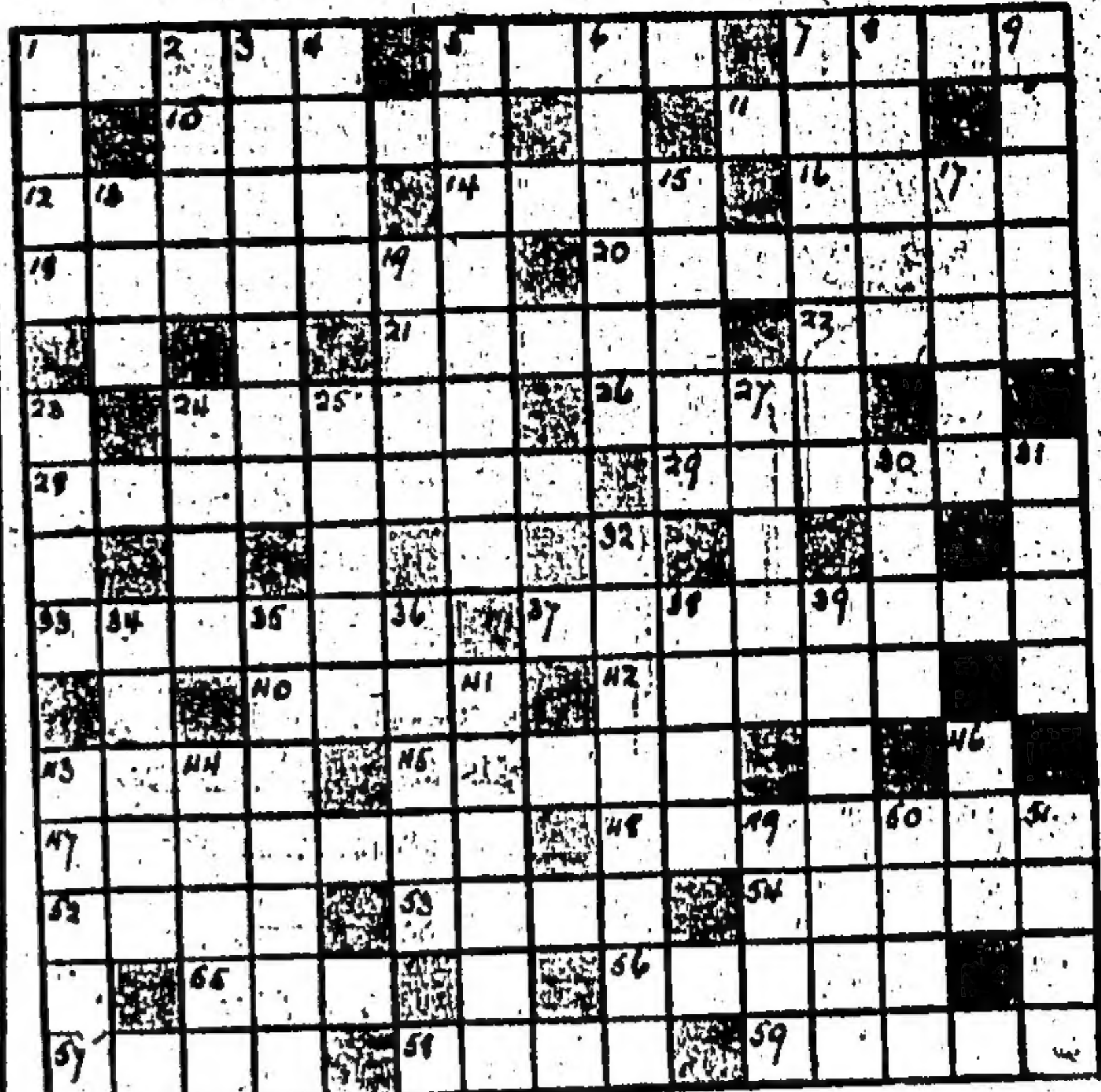
There are also delightful figures made of opaque china, which conceal the battery, &c., of an electric torch, for the same purpose. A wise old brown owl and a cross-legged Chinaman are two in this class of nightlight.

A charming idea is a tiny globe concealed in the heart of a shell flower. The flower stands in a vase, in company with several other shell blossoms, perhaps.

The mother with ideas and clever fingers would probably manufacture some pretty shade with a special appeal to a small child. Cinderella's Fairy Godmother, with a spreading, transparent skirt to cover the little globe; a cardboard "Wendy House," with red windows; or a small ship with shining portholes and gay sails, are a few suggestions.

Of many colour combinations. "White, pink and mauve, woven in zig-zag lines, is one of the newest designs. Grey, mastic and cream is extensive used to set off other delicate combinations. Blue-grey, aubergine, and mulberry are other interesting new tweed colours.

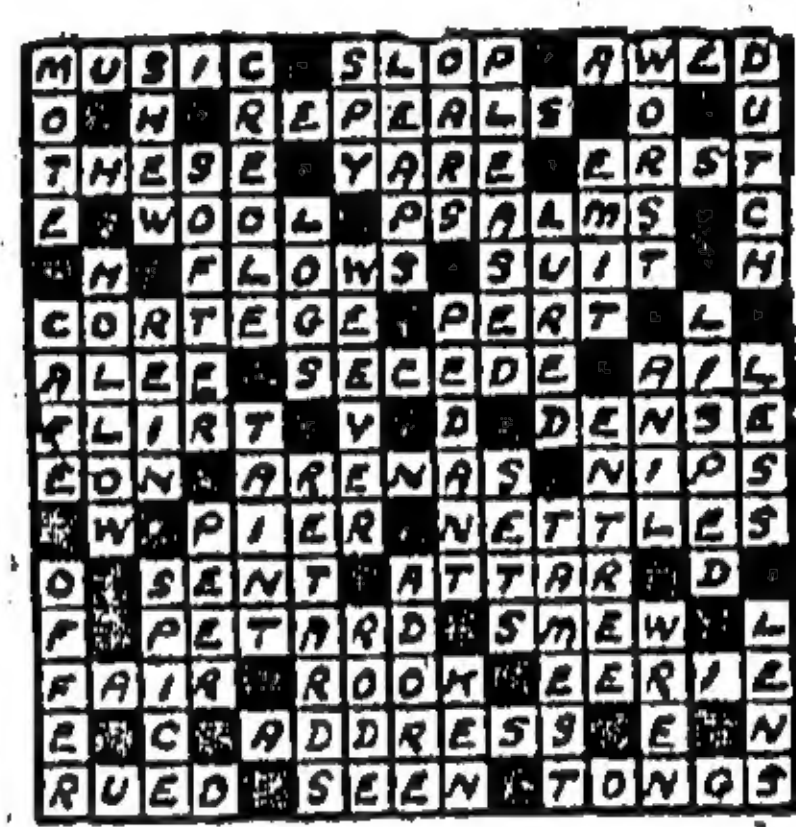
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 - Kind.
 - Gaelic.
 - On that account.
 - That which expands.
 - Bundies.
 - English country.
 - Face with mason-work.
 - Temper.
 - Antedated.
 - Jogs with the elbow.
 - Terminate.
 - Expressed sympathy.
 - Drive in.
 - Well-known swimming bird.
 - Bill of fare.
 - Princes morning reception.
 - Assorted.
 - Furnished with an aryl.
 - Ooze.
 - Propriet.
 - Words of endearment.
 - Cause to sit.
 - Bore.
 - Took legal action against.
 - Gilded.
 - Flower.

- Down.**
- Dry particles.
 - Atom.
 - Turned away from.
 - Ascend.
 - Stated again.
 - Keeper.
 - Slunk.
 - Bill of fare.
- Overthrow.**
- Exclamation of triumph.
 - A deception of barley.
 - Moral perception.
 - Inclite.
 - Box.
 - Brazilian coins.
 - An archad roof.
 - Lead.
 - Tempest.
 - Margin.
 - Caricass-handled book.
 - Pupil.
 - Assumed illegally.
 - Stories.
 - Never.
 - Stable-boys.
 - Bendle.
 - Acorns.
 - Sneeze.
 - Pronoun.
 - Notion.
 - Remnant.
 - One who colours.

Yesterday's Solution.



FOUR MEN SAVED FROM AN AVALANCHE.

CORPORAL'S HEROISM COSTS HIM HIS LIFE.

Rome, Feb. 3.

A dramatic story of the heroism of an "Alpini" corporal who saved four comrades amid an Alpine avalanche at the cost of his life, comes from Cuneo.

A company of the Second Alpine Regiment were descending in Indian file the icebound heights of Monte Vecchia when at a certain point those below at the head of the column saw four men being hurried down on the crest of an avalanche.

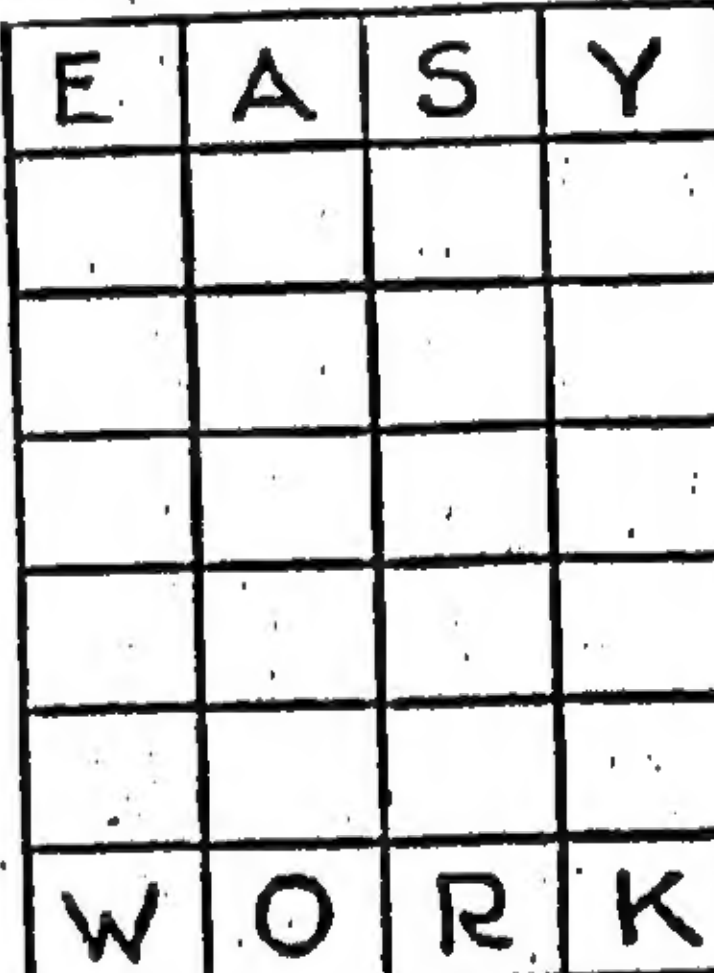
A human barrier was hastily drawn up to try and stop the rush, but amid the swirl of the snowflakes it was not easy to gauge the point at which the falling men would pass. The impact came where a young corporal was standing, and, with wonderful recoveries in between, he stopped them all successively.

But the fourth man's weight caught the corporal full on the chest and hurled him along with the last portion of the avalanche over an adjacent cliff-edge.

His body was carried to Vinadio, and four days ago he was buried with full regimental honours, the four men he had rescued acting as pall-bearers.

LETTER GOLF

To-day's puzzle is just what it's labelled—EASY WORK. A good second shot and you should have little difficulty in shooting par six.



- The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
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 - You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
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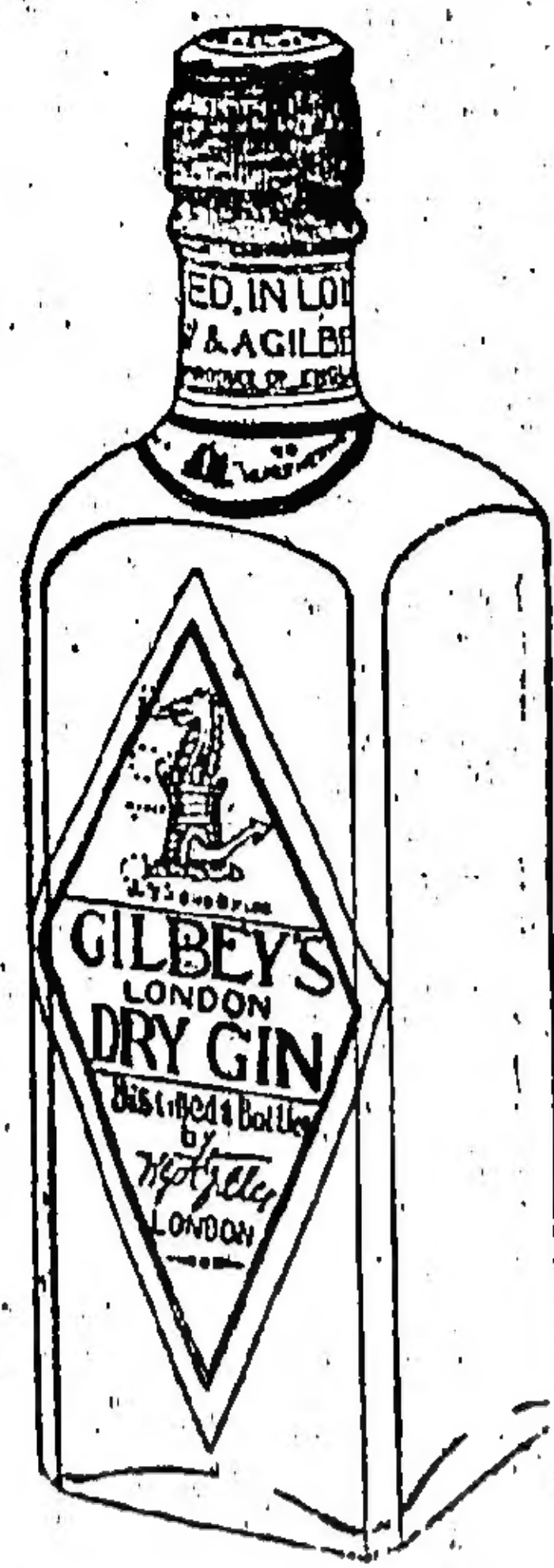
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ELECTION CRIES.

There would now appear to be a prospect of the General Election taking place earlier than was at first expected. The latest indications are that the Government will go to the country at the end of May, which is some weeks in advance of the date previously announced. That the political battle will be one of the keenest ever fought there can be no question. What its outcome will be even the usually well-informed prophets hesitate to predict. For one thing, there are millions of women voters who will be exercising the franchise for the first time, in addition to which there is the growing power of Labour to be reckoned with. The Baldwin Administration is remaining in power for practically the full limit of its term, and as is the case with most Governments so placed, it has undoubtedly lost some of its popularity. This is a factor which increases the uncertainty regarding the result of the election. The Liberals may be expected to get a better following than is represented by their present strength in the House of Commons, whilst Labour also will almost certainly gain more seats. Of the probabilities, only one seems more or less certain, namely, that none of the three Parties will have a sufficient strength to give them a majority over the other two combined.

It is generally conceded that one of the causes which has led to the declining popularity of the Conservative Government is its unsatisfactory attitude on the fiscal question. No-one likes ambiguity in politics; clear-cut attitudes always find more appreciation. In theory, most of Mr. Baldwin's colleagues are Protectionists; they would be in practice also if they only had the courage to put their views into force. But they prefer to compromise on the issue. "Safeguarding" is their remedy for industrial depression, and they want to make its enforcement as easy as possible. In order to do this, the Government has promised to remove some of the obstacles created by the existing procedure, that is, provided the country returns it to power. This is to be done by simplifying the rules at present operating under the Safeguarding of Industries Act. In view of this promise, it is reported that manufacturers of household goods of

various kinds are busy getting up a case to lay before the appropriate tribunal in due course. One point which must be borne in mind, however, is that the householder is the one class of the community not heard at these tribunals, and there is some trepidation felt lest one result of an extension of "safeguarding" be increased costs for the necessities of life.

The inconsistency in the Conservative attitude is seen from the fact that whilst facilities are to be placed in the way of manufacturers of such commodities as boots, shoes, hosiery, etc., the Government steadfastly refuses to extend anything in the nature of Protection to agriculture. This is, apparently, the one great industry which cannot hope for "safeguarding." The Prime Minister has given his pledge that there shall be no duty on imported wheat, meat and other foodstuffs, and there the matter ends. It is obvious that he fears an extension of "safeguarding" to agricultural products would send up the price of food. Surely by a similar process of reasoning the effect would be the same on household necessities generally. Maybe, though, it is all a matter of evading an unpopular election cry. All the same, the voters prefer political consistency to vote-catching methods.

Land Speed Record.

No matter what land speed records are set in the future, near or distant, the name of Major H. O. D. Segrave, the British racing motorist, is doubly established in a special niche of the Hall of Fame. Already honoured as the first man to travel at more than 200 miles an hour on land, more than ordinary interest was taken in his attempt to beat the American record, an attempt which proved so triumphantly successful. In a colossal gamble against unknown odds, he drove the Golden Arrow, Captain J. S. Irving's wonderful engineering production, at a dizzy speed on the sands at Daytona, Florida, on Monday, flashing down and up the course at over 231 miles an hour. Even four years ago, experts were sceptical of the possibility of attaining such a terrific speed, but the Golden Arrow performed in all respects in accordance with the expectations of her designer, and after his daring adventure, Major Segrave admitted that he had never given her full throttle! It is now America's turn to face a gigantic task, and it is reported that Mr. White is ready to start almost immediately. He has a specially-constructed 30-cylinder car (three times as many cylinders as the famous 900 h.p. Napier engine) and hopes to win through by sheer engine power. The beauty of the Golden Arrow consisted almost entirely in the manner of her construction for reducing wind resistance to the absolute minimum, something which has not yet been achieved by the Americans. As to the value of these gambles with death, as the attempts undoubtedly are, it is too late in the day to suggest that they have a value for development purposes. Other races have proved over and over again the straining point of tyres, and machinery, bolts etc. The only thing left in the test of the skill and supreme nerve required of the driver, combined with the purpose of maintaining national prestige. At one time our racing motorists were content to venture with cars which could be trusted on the road, which were almost identical with the stock vehicles of the firms engaged, and for practical purposes this is all that is necessary. The effort of the Golden Arrow must be regarded as a sporting event, and from this point of view, Major Segrave warrants the warmest congratulations.

The weekly health return shows that there were three Chinese cases of diphtheria, from which there were two deaths. Of the seven cases of enteric fever reported one was British, another Indian and the other five Chinese. There were three deaths from this disease.

DAY BY DAY.

HEAVEN TAKES CARE THAT NO MAN SECURES HAPPINESS BY CRIME.
—Alfred.

The P. & O. s.s. Morea, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 9th March at 1 p.m.

The transport Dorsetshire has arrived at Singapore from Hongkong, later leaving for Colombo.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, left Hongkong for Shanghai yesterday.

H.M. Ships Bruce, Seraph and Somme have left for Amoy, and the Sterling and Stormcloud for Swatow.

We are informed that the Fleet Amateur Boxing Championship is to take place in Hongkong on April 6th and 6th.

The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor is to take place on Murray Parade Ground on the 26th instant at 5.15 p.m.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. C. E. Sherwin, solicitor of Hankow, to Miss R. R. Hill, of Evercreech, England, who is travelling out to the Colony.

A final Concert, organised by Mrs. Wyatt will be given at the Helena May on Thursday, 21st March at 5.30 p.m. The programme will include Bach, Beethoven, Vivaldi and Negro Spirituals. (Tea tickets must be booked in advance).—Advt.

The master of a cargo boat pleaded guilty to possession of about 18 gallons of Chinese wine when charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. Two foks, including a dumb individual, were discharged. The master denied a previous conviction for a similar offence and was remanded till tomorrow morning.

The death has occurred at Plymouth of Paymaster-in-Chief Henry Briggs Robinson, R.N., retired, at the age of 89. From 1888 he served in the Imperieuse, flagship of Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, in China. In 1891 he became senior accountant officer at the R.N. Barracks, Devonport, until his retirement with the rank of paymaster-in-chief in 1896.

WANTED MUCH FOR HIS MONEY.

PLEA OF NON-TICKET HOLDER ON BUS.

That he was under the mistaken impression that his pass to travel on China Motor Buses permitted him to use any of the vehicles of the three companies, operating in Kowloon was the plea put forward by a Chinese who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with travelling on a Kowloon Motor Bus without paying his fare.

The defendant produced a pass issued by the China Motor Bus Company and, while admitting the charge, said that he thought he could travel on any bus.

It was stated that when first asked for his ticket the defendant gave the usual sign that he possessed a season ticket and later when asked to produce his ticket he showed the conductor the pass issued by the China Motor Bus Company.

His Worship accepted the defendant's excuse and imposed a nominal fine of \$4.

WATER CONSUMER IN TROUBLE.

PIPE CONNECTED AFTER OFFICIAL ACTION.

Two summonses for unlawfully drawing water through a Public Works Department meter without permission, were brought against the owner of No. 440 and 442, Shanghai Street, before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning.

The defendant pleaded that the connections were made by his foks without his knowledge.

It was stated that the water in the defendant's two houses were disconnected on March 1 because of his failure to pay accounts. A surprise visit was made to the house by a P. W. D. official and it was found that the pipes had been connected.

The defendant produced a receipt and stated that he had paid all his accounts but it was pointed out that the receipt was dated March 6, after the water had been disconnected.

His Worship was informed that there was no actual damage caused. Anybody was capable of connecting the pipes again without any difficulty.

His Worship warned the defendant against repeating the offence and registered a caution.

SPECIAL ORCHESTRA FOR REPULSE BAY.

JAZZ BAND OF THE PITTSBURGH.

We are informed that the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. have engaged the services of Chick Evenson and his Crack Jazz Orchestra of the U.S.S. Pittsburgh to play during a Dinner Dance on Saturday the 16th inst. and during Tea Dance on Sunday the 17th inst. at Repulse Bay Hotel.

The band is of high reputation and it has been broadcasted in Manila and Shanghai. Most of the Bandmen were formerly professional players in some of the well known Jazz Bands in America. The Orchestra is composed of 14 artists including two Pianists, Vocalists and Dancers. From all reports a real treat is in store for the Patrons and Guests of the Repulse Bay Hotel.

MERCANTILE BANK.

FINAL DIVIDEND OF 8 PER CENT.

The local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India has received a telegram from its Head Office in London advising that at the annual general meeting of the shareholders a final dividend of 8% on the "A" "B" and "C" shares will be declared (making 16% for the year, less Income Tax), that £30,000 be placed to Reserve (raising it to £1,450,000), £40,000 written off landed and house property, and £162,000 carried forward to 1929 account.

CLOUDY WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that a new anticyclone has formed over S. E. Mongolia. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S. E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

The Forecast till noon tomorrow is:—North-east winds, moderate, generally cloudy, misty.

The Very Idea!

As a result of the referendum last December favouring the introduction of gaming tables at tourist centres in Switzerland, a conference has been held at Bern between the Federal Political Department and representatives of cantons where kuraals exist and representatives of kuraals themselves to consider what form of jeux de hasard should be allowed, and how the law should be applied.

It was proposed to authorise only la boule. No tourist centre will be permitted to establish more than one kuraal. The cantonal authorities engage themselves to apply the law strictly, and the kuraal companies, on their own initiative, undertake to exercise the severest control over all matters connected with gaming within their respective cantons. Supreme control will be exercised by the Federal authorities.

While the conductor was taking fares on top an inside passenger said to his neighbour, "W-w-will you tell me when we get to S-a-shorditch, m-m-mate? Receiving no answer, the afflicted one repeated the request, with a like result. Just then the conductor appearing ejaculated "Shorditch," and the stammerer left the bus.

At once a lady turned, and upbraided the silent one for his rude behaviour, and asked why he had refused an answer to a polite request.

"I f-f-felt s-s-sure I'd g-get a t-t-tick car if I s-s-spoke," was his reasonable reply.

[At a recent ceremony a clergyman refused to christen a child "June" because he said that this was a pagan name; the child was named "Joan" instead.]

Do not choose a pagan name for your baby Girl, or maybe You will have to change your name— Call her Joan instead of June At the christening, with shame, For it's stated (this did you know)? June's a name derived from Juno!

Never call your daughter May; May's from Mala, So they say, I Know she was a pagan miss; Daphne must be barred for this, And Diana. What a pity! Pagan names are all so pretty.

"I am unable to attend owing to business ties," wrote a 14-years-old boy summoned at Tottenham.

"Mine is only a motor-cycle, so I don't quarrel with lorries."—A man at Shoreditch County Court.

"Mind the step," said the Willaden gaoler to an old offender leaving the dock.

Woman: Go on with you, young man. I know it better than you do. Woman at Shoreditch County Court: Do you forfeit your right to swear when you marry?

Man fined at Acton for being drunk: I suffer from leg weakness. I am affected when I come from the heat to the cold.

To-day's Ghost Story.—For many years I lived in an old country house originally owned by Quakers. I never experienced anything uncanny in the rambling old building until one night, as I was preparing for rest, I suddenly saw, sitting by my bed, an old lady in Quaker dress. She disappeared so quickly I had no time to feel anything but surprise; but some little time after I met the great-granddaughter of the original Quaker owner, and on telling her of my "vision" she asked me to describe the old lady, and then told me I had exactly described her great-grandmother! I never saw my "vision" again, and nothing happened!

The little boy was greatly interested in the doctor's visit. His sister had a bad cold, and was carefully stethoscoped, coughing and saying "Ah" and "Ninety-nine."

Her brother was not allowed to be with her, but he looked through the glass door of the night nursery and watched the proceedings.

When the doctor came out the little chap waylaid him.

"I saw you," he said, "listening in to Mary. What did you hear?"

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 12.
Paris	124.25/4
Brussels	84.95
Amsterdam	12.13/4
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	18.20/4
Vienna	34.52/4
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Buenos Aires	815%
Shanghai	47 5/16
New York	2/4
Geneva	4.85 9/32
Milan	25.23
Stockholm	62.67/4
Oslo	18.17/4
Prague	103%
Madrid	32.55/4
Athens	57%
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Silver (Spot & Forward)	26

—British Wireless.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

21. TAKING A FINESSE FIRST TIME SUIT IS PLAYED

North (Dummy)—
♠ 10 7 4 3
♥ 10 7
♦ A K J
♣ 10 6

West—
Leads ♠ 5

South (Declarer)—
♠ A 9 5
♥ A 4 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ A K J

The Bidding:—South bids no-trump and all pass.
Deciding the Play: West leads 3 of hearts which Declarer takes with Ace of hearts. A hold-up is useless, for East holds four cards in hearts. How should Declarer play to make game?

The Error:—Declarer decides to establish the diamond suit and finesses Jack of diamonds which is won by East, game being sacrificed.

The Correct Method:—To make game, Declarer must make five tricks in diamonds. After taking first trick with Ace of hearts, Declarer should play 2 of diamonds and overtake with King of diamonds on which Queen of diamonds may fall. If not, he should return to closed hand with a club, play 3 of diamonds and finess Jack of cards has given some clear indication of the location of Queen of diamonds, whereupon Declarer plays accordingly.

The Principle:—When holding a suit headed by Ace-King-Jack, avoid taking the finesse the first time that suit is played. Thereby you will capture the possible singleton Queen or help locate its position.

SINGAPORE BASE PROGRESS.**BIG AERODROME TO BE PREPARED.****CARDINAL POINT FOR EMPIRE AIR SERVICES.****AIRSHIPS READY SOON.**

London, Mar. 12. The development of the Singapore Base was again the subject of criticism in the House of Commons today, when the Air Estimates and the Army Estimates were discussed in committee.

Commander Kenworthy (Lab.) ventured a criticism of the charge of £100,000 to the account of the aerodrome at the Singapore Base, the total cost of which is estimated to be £576,000.

Sir Samuel Hoare, the Air Minister, answering Commander Kenworthy said that only £100,000 was to be spent this year, and this money was chiefly for the purpose of levelling ground for the aerodrome.

It formed part of the general expenditure on the Singapore Base. The provision of air facilities was an essential side of the Base, and the provision they were making was on a moderate scale.

There was no aerodrome at Singapore at present, suitable for any air squadrons, while it must also be borne in mind that the establishment of R.A.F. squadrons would serve a double purpose.

Not only would the aerodrome be part of the naval base capable of performing any air operations of a naval war that they might be called upon to do, but it would be important as the most essential air station in the Far East.

Important Civil Air Port. Even if there were no naval base at Singapore, the air base would be necessary as it was the cardinal point in all our air communications. The vote was agreed.

Sir Samuel Hoare also rendered the Commons an account of the progress and plans of the giant British airships, R.100 and R.101.

He said that both of the dirigibles would be completed at about the same time. There had been further delay but they would be ready for the air in the late Spring. Both would cost the same, which was substantially more than the original estimate.

Plans for R.100 and R.101. After their shed trials, the airships will engage in a number of trial flights within easy reach of Britain, after which the R.101 will fly first to Egypt and then to India.

The next step would be a Transatlantic flight to Montreal. There was every reason to believe that both airships would be making regular Imperial flights within the year.

The Singapore Base was also referred to by Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, when the Army Estimates went through the Report stage.

Guns at Singapore. He said that the amount to be expended on the military side of the Singapore Base had been considerably reduced owing to the postponement of the provision of artillery.

The nature of the military expenditure contained in the Estimates was the work of preparing for the establishment of heavy guns to assist in the defence of Singapore.

That finally meant the presence of a gunners' garrison, and buildings for their occupation were now being erected. The sum allocated in the Estimates was part of the expenditure for that work. The vote was agreed.—*Reuter*.

"TEA FOR THREE."**NOW SHOWING AT THE QUEEN'S.**

"Tea for Three" now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a light and entertaining film, although it suffers somewhat from the slowness of the action in the earlier parts. It concerns a jealous husband who makes no bones of showing his annoyance at the favours lavished on his wife by a bachelor friend, and the latter's ruse to cure him of his suspicions. The theme eventually works out in a novel way, but the picture does not come up to the standard which we usually associate with Low Cady, Alleen Pringle and Owen Moore, who take the principal roles. It has its amusing aspects, none the less.

Sam Ku West and his Harmony Boys are appearing in an entirely new programme, which won great favour yesterday. In which connection a word must also be added of the very graceful dancing of Aida Kawakami, who is extremely clever in all her work.

BODY FROM HOTEL RUINS.**REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED VICTIM.****CHINESE FUNERALS.**

A report that two bodies have been found in the debris at the King Edward Hotel has not been substantiated.

The Telegraph was officially informed at the Fire Station this morning that only one body had been taken from the ruins last night, this being that of an unidentified victim which was discovered in the topmost storey of the building.

The work of turning over the heap of debris which has accumulated on the level of the third floor is still proceeding. Up to one o'clock this afternoon, no notification has been received at the Fire Station as to the discovery of any other bodies.

The funerals of two Chinese victims took place yesterday. Leung Kwan, a Chinese "boy" of the Hotel, who lost his life in the fire, was buried yesterday afternoon, the entire Chinese staff of the Hotel and friends numbering some two hundred attending the last rites. The man's family is stated to be so poor that even the funeral expenses had to be paid the management of the Hotel, who contributed about \$100, while another sympathiser paid the balance of \$42.

Mr. Cheung Hay-kan, (private secretary of General Chan Ming-shu) who jumped from the third floor of the hotel and was killed almost instantaneously, was also buried yesterday. Much sympathy goes to the relatives of this Canton official who is survived by two younger brothers, one of them being in the service of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and the other a student in the Sun Yat Sen University at Canton. Both attended the funeral yesterday. After a simple ceremony, the coffin was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital, coffin shelter at Aberdeen. The interment will take place in Canton at a later date. The deceased was only 35. A number of Canton Government officials were among the mourners yesterday.

HONGKONG FIRM'S PROTEST.**PICKETS SEIZE CONSIGNMENT OF PAPER.****AUCTION WANGLE?**

The high-handed actions of the Chinese Anti-Japanese Picketing Corps in Fatsan city, near Canton, in seizing and later confiscating a consignment of paper sent by a Hongkong firm, has resulted in a complaint being made in the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

In its letter to the Chamber the affected firm, Messrs Yue Pong & Co., allege that sometime ago the cargo of paper was sent to Fatsan and, on arrival was seized by the pickets, who insisted that the paper came from Japan. A protest was immediately made by the management of the Yue Pong & Co., accompanied by a long letter of explanation that the paper was a genuine product of Switzerland.

It is stated that after the seizure, unknown to the Yue Pong & Co. and their consignees in Fatsan, the paper was put up for auction by the pickets, previous arrangements having apparently been made by the pickets with would-be buyers, for the great indignation of the Yue Pong & Co's representative in Fatsan. It was subsequently learned that the cargo was knocked down at a ridiculously low price.

According to the regulations governing the Fatsan Anti-Japanese Society, the proposed auctioning of all seized Japanese goods should be announced by notifications posted in the streets three days before the sale, but in the case referred to the consignees of the Yue Pong & Co. state that the notifications were not displayed until three days after the auction had taken place!

The Company's letter requests the assistance of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce to protest against the action of the Fatsan pickets.

SHIP DESERTER?**LATVIAN CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY.**

Edward Jerums, a Latvian, was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning with vagrancy.

Detective Sub-Inspector Elston said it appeared that the defendant had deserted from a German ship which arrived here a few days ago.

A remand of 48 hours was granted by his Worship to enable the police to make further enquiries.

NAVAL WEDDING AT SHAMEEN.**MISS MARGUERITE HOGG WEDS LIEUT. AGUTTER, R.N.****PRETTY CEREMONY.**

Glorious weather marked the occasion of a brilliant wedding at Shameen on Tuesday when Miss Marguerite Armitage Hogg, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Vivian Hogg, of Paak Hok Tung, Canton, was married to Lieutenant Geoffrey Foster Agutter, R.N. elder son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Agutter of Blackheath, London.

The wedding was celebrated in H.B.M. Consulate-General at 11.30 a.m. and at Christ Church, Shameen, at 2 p.m. and so large was the attendance of friends of the bride and groom that room for them all could hardly be found in the church.

The bride wore a beautiful dress of white georgette, embroidered in silver beads, with train to match. The groom was in the altar steps with his best man, Surgeon-Lieutenant J.G. Currie, R.N., when the bride arrived walking up the aisle on the arm of her father, by whom she was given away. She carried a magnificent bouquet of white roses and ferns.

Two diminutive train bearers, Miss Teddy Hunter in a long white satin dress, and Master John Quin in long white satin trousers and georgette blouse, followed the bride. Then came the two bridesmaids, Miss Louise Hogg and Miss Pauline Kemble, in peach-coloured georgette and lace, with crinoline straw hats to match, and carrying magnificent bouquets of sweet peas and ferns.

The bride's mother wore a dress of beige coloured georgette and a large hat of black silk trimmed with gold lace and aigrette.

The Rev. F. Freeman, M.A., R.N., Chaplain to H.M.S. Hermes, and the Rev. P. Jenkins, of Paak Hok Tung, Canton, officiated; whilst Mr. H. F. Campbell was at the organ.

The church was beautifully decorated with marguerites and ferns. A large number of naval, military and Air Force officers, present in full dress, contributed largely to a very colourful ceremony. The officers made an arch of swords under which the happy couple passed as they left the church after the ceremony.

Subsequently a reception was held at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Platt, in the A. P. C. Building, Shameen, where friends of the bride and groom gathered to congratulate them. Commander M. L. Clarke, R.N., D.S.O., Senior Naval Officer of H. M. West River Patrol, proposed their health.

At 4.30 p.m. Lieut. and Mrs. Agutter left for Hongkong by the Lungshan and will be spending a few days at the Repulse Bay Hotel, previous to leaving for England by the a.s. Khiva on Saturday.

The bride wore a delightful going-away three piece suite of fawn-coloured gabardine with figured blue silk and a blue crinoline and felt hat.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

The trial at Carlisle Assizes of Chung Yi Miao, who murdered his bride in the Lake district, east Cumberland £842.

AMERICAN SPEED CHALLENGE.**MAJOR SEGRAVE TO WATCH MR. WHITE'S ATTEMPT.****A TERRIFIC STRAIN.**

London, Mar. 12. Major H. O. D. Segrave, the British racing motorist, who recaptured the world's land speed record for Great Britain, by flying along the sands at Daytona Beach at 231.3 miles an hour, has been interviewed over the Transatlantic telephone by most British newspapers.

He told them that his achievement was a really grim experience and a terrific strain. The greater strain, however, was on his wife, who was present, and naturally was most anxious.

If his record is not beaten by the machine of Mr. White, this American motorist, he will make no further record-breaking attempt, but if Mr. White's machine succeeds he will go out again. He believes that in ideal conditions his Golden Arrow will win the contest.

Major Segrave is watching this evening the attempt of Mr. White's machine which will be driven by one of three drivers, whichever Mr. White may select. Last year he chose Mr. Ray Keech who handled the car splendidly.

Major Segrave points out that the White Special machine is superficially the same as that with which he beat the record and put up 207.55 miles an hour last year. He has three five-hundred horsepower motors one of which is new. Last year, he had practically no body at all covering or streamlining the machine but this time he has built quite a good and well-designed body around the chassis.

The American challenger has until March 15th to break the record and if he does not succeed by then, he will have to wait until next year. Major Segrave has received hundreds of congratulatory messages on his feat from all parts of the world.—*British Wireless*.

LEAGUE LABOURS VAINLY.**EIGHT-HOUR CONVENTION DISCUSSION.****OCTOBER REVISION?**

Geneva, Mar. 12. The discussion at the Labour Office of the British proposal for the revision of the Washington Eight-Hour Convention lasted throughout the day without producing any definite result. Opinion was divided; the German and French employers and Swedish Government's delegates supported the British proposal for revision of the Washington convention, but all the workers' delegates opposed it.

The Italian Government delegates said Italy was prepared to ratify if the others did.

The French Minister for Labour urged a compromise.

Resolutions were proposed that the points brought out should be submitted for revision to a Special Committee, but they failed to obtain a majority.

Afterwards, M. Albert Thomas, the Director, stated that the revision of the Convention was a (Continued on Next Column.)

AN OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.**DOCTOR SUES THE PATIENT'S FATHER.****KOWLOON MAN LOSES.**

Arising out of an operation for appendicitis on the daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Frank J. V. Jorge, of No. 21 Jordan Road, Kowloon, a claim was heard in the Summary Court this morning, before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in which the plaintiff was Dr. F.M.G. Ozorio, St. George's Building, third floor.

Dr. Ozorio successfully sued Mr. Jorge for the sum of \$250, due for work done and professional services rendered as a doctor on June 27, 1928 to the defendant's daughter.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios was for the plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada, senior, defended.

Mr. Remedios said that on June 25, 1928, Dr. Ozorio received a telephone call from Mrs. Jorge and he attended her daughter at the defendant's residence. On finding that the daughter was suffering from appendicitis, he decided that an operation would be necessary. The operation should have taken place on June 26, but unfortunately Dr. Ozorio's wife died on that morning, so the operation was performed at St. Paul's Hospital on the following day. It was successful, and the patient was well again.

Payment Refused.

Continuing, Mr. Remedios stated that the sheriff called monthly at the defendant's premises for payment. He had seen Mrs. Jorge many times and she had told him that the money would be paid at Dr. Ozorio's office. Up to the present, however, no payment had been received.

Giving evidence, Dr. Ozorio corroborated Mr. Remedios's opening remarks. Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, plaintiff said that he and the defendant were friends six years ago, but they later ceased to be friendly.

Share Dispute.

Dr. Ozorio explained that he had formerly employed Mr. Jorge as a broker and in 1924 he paid Mr. Jorge something less than his debts under a deed of composition. Mr. Jorge attended his (plaintiff's) wife's funeral, but after the composition the defendant had not spoken to him nor had anything to do with him.

According to the defendant's story, he had nothing to do with Dr. Ozorio since the 1924 stock exchange transactions. Defendant said he knew on the evening of June 25 that Dr. Ozorio had been engaged by Mrs. Jorge, but he (defendant) did not interfere as he had no choice in the matter. He would not have engaged Dr. Ozorio in any event. Mrs. Jorge had her own estate and her own banking account. She died in December and probate to her estate of \$25,000 was granted.

Mr. Jorge denied that he had given authority to his wife to engage Dr. Ozorio.

Replying to Mr. Remedios, Mr. Jorge said that he knew the operation was necessary, but he made no protest against the employment of Dr. Ozorio.

Answering his Lordship, defendant said he had never given notice to anyone that he was not responsible for his wife's contracts. Since 1924 she had paid the rent.

Wife's Position.

In addressing the Court, Mr. Remedios argued that the operation was necessary and nothing had been brought forward to rebut the presumption that a wife was able to pledge her husband's credit in such matter.

Mr. D'Almada contended that there was no such presumption in the present case. Mr. Jorge had no means whatever and he was living on his wife's income. Mr. Jorge was not on speaking terms with Dr. Ozorio and he would never have agreed to his employment had he been told by his wife.

His Lordship commented there was no doubt that at all material times Dr. Ozorio was looking to Mr. Jorge for payment. That being so, there was nothing to suggest to the doctor that he was wrong in doing so.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, his Lordship said he was satisfied that Mr. Jorge gave his wife authority, otherwise the straight-forward course for him to have taken would have been to deny that authority at the time.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff with costs.

tomatic at the end of the 10-year period, namely, October, 1929, but he would, in the meantime, submit proposals to the Governor of the International Labour Office for a solution of the difficulties.—*Reuter*.

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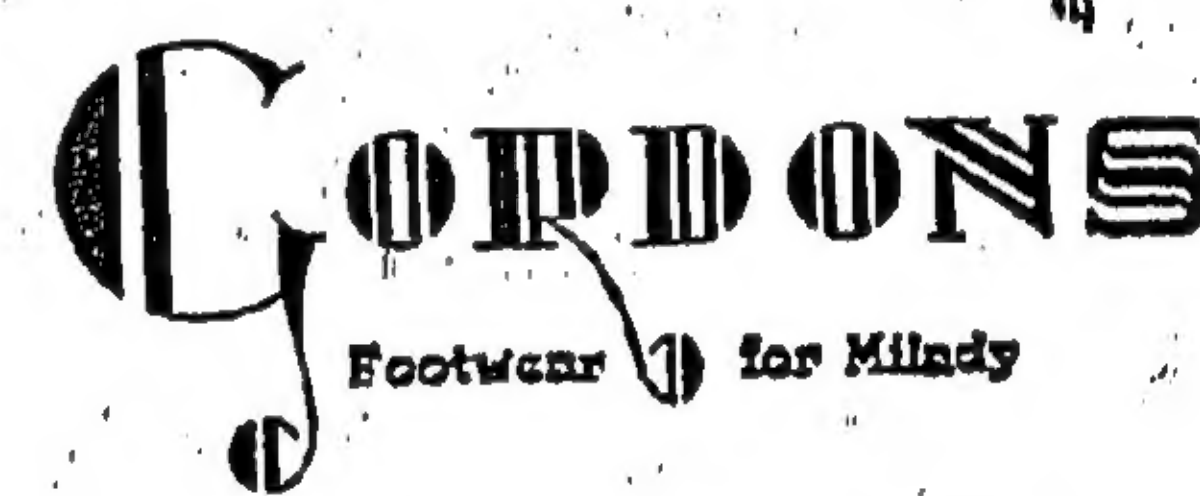
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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs"].

Civil Service's reverse on Saturday has opened up an interesting problem for the Cricket League authorities to decide, as regards relegation. It seems most likely that the C.S.C. and Cringengover will occupy joint bottom place in the Senior League. These two teams have now the same number of points, but whereas the former have completed their fixtures, Cringengover have a match in hand—against the Indians—which, on form, they are expected to lose. The question, then, will be, "which of the teams to demote?"

I am rather hazy as to whether the relegation system is still in force, but imagine the Civil Service 1st XI, with more than half-a-dozen players who have had years of experience in local first-class cricket, playing amongst the juniors!

To revert to the match itself: After dismissing the Artillery for a meagre total of 65 runs, one would expect Civil Service to pocket the points with ease. True, they were without several of their best bats; but I think they "counted the chickens" a little too soon. Musson, who got wickets with monotonous regularity from the spectator's point of view, was the thorn in their side.

Westlake's inclusion in the team for his batting, might have made a world of difference. At the risk of being accused of trying to be wise after the event, I would voice my opinion that Civil Service should have sacrificed a couple of bowlers (they can easily afford this) for more reliable bats from the junior XI.

Leach of the R.A. who made 24, was the only batsman who gave the home team any trouble at all, and then he should have been dismissed sooner. An easy catch off Hamilton was dropped by Baker (I ask his pardon if he had the sun against him) in the country. The latter, however, more than made up for this slip by his splendid bowling immediately afterwards.

The Royal Army Ordnance Corps are to be complimented for their very creditable win over the University 2nd and also for their first points in eight matches. After knocking up 153 runs, it looked pretty safe for the P.O. side but Q.M.S. Wisner thought otherwise. He is a recent arrival to Test cricket and batted extremely well for his 64.

Among the friends, the Diocesan Boys' School defeated the Electric R.C. quite comfortably. The consistent form of the D.B.S. during the last two seasons has shown that school cricket has been fostered along the right lines, thanks to the spare work of Mr. J. L. Youmans and the ever-ready support from individual clubs.

I should like to see an entry from the combined Schools in the Junior League next year. In W. H. Kwan, F. K. Lee, R. Lee and J. Lee of Diocesan, and A. R. Saffell and A. M. Ramjohn of Queen's College, they have the material for a decent eleven and should be able to give a good account of themselves. If they have any qualms about pitting themselves regularly against more experienced players, one need only point to D.J.N. Anderson and A.T. Lee who, a short while ago, were the stalwarts of the D.B.S. A batsman and a bowler, who are now in the University XI, they are making quite a name for themselves in the Senior Division.

Again, if it is the question of a home ground, I am sure that the arrangement to play all matches away, will meet with no object. It now rests with the sports masters to make the next move and I hope that this suggestion from a humble scribe will bear fruit. It would be a step in the right direction, for after all, it has always been the local-bred cricketers who have principally kept the League going here, and it must be from the schools that we will have to draw fresh blood to keep the flag flying.

I expect, this week, to see the University consolidate their position as runners-up in the Senior Division. They are down to meet the U.A. and a wide would place them out of the reach of the I.R.C. for second place.

Having completed their senior programme, I expect Civil Service will be able to field a strong side against the Navy in the Junior League, and as the same remarks apply to the opposition, a close game should result. Unless the Police strike their top form, I should not be surprised to see the R.A.S.C. go away with the full points. The Royal Army Ordnance Corps, fresh from their laurels at the expense of the University last week, are likely to put it over the Electric R.C.

THE WATSON SHIELD.

SHAMEEN DEFEATS H.M.S. TARANTULA.

Shameen, Mar. 12.

The Shameen Sports Club defeated H.M.S. Tarantula by one goal to nil in the second round of the Watson Shield on the Shameen Football ground, yesterday afternoon.

It was an exceedingly good game to watch, fast and exciting throughout. Shameen, however, were slightly superior to their opponents and certainly deserved the goal which gave them the match.

Just before half-time, F. E. W. Lammert scored from a mix-up in front of the naval goal after a brilliant centre from Hachfeld.

In the second half, there was no score, though just before the whistle blew Shameen netted the ball, the referee, however, giving it off-side. He later altered his decision and gave a throw-up just in front of the Tarantula goal, but Shameen failed to put it in again. Special mention should be made of the splendid game played by Nogeizik at right back, who was several times responsible for clearing the Shameen goal. The teams were:

Shameen Sports Club.—A. T. Lay; Nogeizik, J. M. Walker; O. Friessner, J. Linaker, R. Rasmussen; Gant, D. Latimer, Geo. Duncun, F. E. W. Lammert and Hachfeld.

H.M.S. F. Partridge; R. Lane, J. Driscoll; W. Taylor, F. Tredgett, R. Turner; J. Kedge, A. Smith, W. Storeman, H. Murray and G. Miller.

In the first round, Shameen secured a bye, H.M.S. Tarantula a walk-over from H.M.S. Moth; H.M.S. Cicala defeated H.M.S. Moorhen and H.M.S. Seaweed defeated the Lusitano Recreation Association.

H.M.S. Cicala will meet H.M.S. Seaweed this afternoon and the winner of this match will play the Shameen Sports Club in the final.

—Our Own Correspondent.

INTERPORT GAMES.

HONGKONG POLICE LOSE GOLF AND SHOOTING.

The Hongkong police revolver team were defeated at Gordon Road Depot by the Shanghai police, the latter using the Colt 45 automatic, by nearly 100 points—Shanghai, 517, Hongkong 418. Eight men shot, and the best six counted. The total score was S. M. P. 659, Hongkong 490.

Eight Specials shot as well, their score eclipsing that of the Regulars, 662 for six men and 715 for eight men.

The Golf Match.

In the interforce golf match between members of the Hongkong and Shanghai police at Seakingjiao, Shanghai won by eight to one. In the singles Shanghai won three lost one, and squared off as the fifth. Dixon beat Booker, 5 and 3. Scott beat Dorling, 2 and 1, and Hall beat James 6 and 5. Kent and Adams came in all square and Fairbairn lost to Shepherd 2 and 1. In the four-ball matches, Dixon and Scott beat Dorling and Booker, 5 and 4, Hall and Adams beat James and Kent 9 and 7. Fairbairn beat Shepherd 3 and 2.

RIFLE MEETING.

ANNUAL EVENT OF VOLUNTEER DEFENCE FORCE.

The programme of the annual rifle meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps has just been circulated. The meeting takes place at Stonecutters on Sunday and Monday, March 31 and April 1, and the programme consists of ten events. These include Blake Shield, Francis Cup, Attack Competition, Reserve Challenge Cup, Jar Competition (on Monday), Corps Championship, Tyro Competition and Musketry Competition (on Monday). The Revolver Competition, Corps and all Camera, will be fired on both days.

HOCKEY.

LADIES TO PLAY THE K.B.S.F.P.A.

The following team has been chosen to represent the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club in a match against the K.B.S.F.P.A. (men's section) on the Hongkong Hockey Club ground at King's Park, on Saturday at 8.30:—F. M. Stevenson, E. S. Laing, M. W. Wallace, M. B. Bird, E. R. Bell, A. Owen-Hughes, Mrs. M. J. Jarvis, E. Baker, D. P. Stanion, N. McNeillie, M. Hansen. Reserves: E. Adair, E. Blackburn.

EXTRADITION CASE CONTINUES.

"ABUS DE CONFIANCE" IN QUESTION.

MASS OF DOCUMENTS.

The case against Chan Hong-chum, the Haiphong Chinese whose extradition is applied for on a charge of committing an offence against the bankruptcy laws of Indo-China, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The opening of the proceedings called for the production of a mass of documents and translations, involving the formal calling of two witnesses, Mr. J. H. Gilling, of the Colonial Secretariat who spoke to receiving the extradition papers from the French Consulate, and Mr. N. Van Tuong, clerk at the Consulate who translated the documents.

Amongst the papers turned into the Court were the warrant of arrest issued by the authorities of Haiphong, translations of the French law on the subject, the adjudication of bankruptcy against the fugitive, and the affidavits of witnesses.

Amongst the written statements was one from a Chinese who complained of having been left in an uncomfortable position by having to reimburse sums totalling \$39,000 to the Banque de L'Indochine, the Chartered Bank and a Frenchman named Feutrier, on account of securities for which he acted as guarantor for the fugitive.

This same witness also spoke of Chan owing him a further debt of \$23,000.

The statement of this witness was ruled out as irrelevant to the charges on which extradition was being sought.

Some discussion also arose over the term of *abus de confiance* which often occurred in the French documents, and which it was agreed had a more elastic application than the corresponding English translation.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the case for the Crown, and Mr. F. H. Losely is appearing for the fugitive.

The case was proceeding.

LAWN TENNIS.

PROMINENT PLAYERS IN GOOD FORM.

Several matches were played off in both the Open Singles and Open Doubles championships yesterday, most of them being decided in straight sets. Altogether, three doubles and two singles were played.

Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham had no difficulty in getting into the next round by defeating the Chinese pair, Lai Kwong-tan and Lu Tak-lam. Both the other doubles matches were one-sided. Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau losing only three games in their match against V. Yvanovich and C. Barretto, while S. E. and D. S. Green obtained only five games from M. K. and M. W. Lo.

The most interesting match of the day was undoubtedly that between L. Goldman and J. Cassumbhoy, the former eventually winning after a hard struggle by three sets to two. The match was characterised by hard hitting on both sides, while both were exceedingly active.

In the fourth set, Cassumbhoy won the first two games but Goldman rallied and drew level. Cassumbhoy, however, was not to be denied and won the next four. The final set was probably the best, each player winning his service game, and the end was never certain until Cassumbhoy played the last stroke into the net.

J. S. McEachran qualified for the next round by defeating E. F. Fincher in straight sets, the latter only getting seven games.

Yesterday's Games.—Open Singles.—J. S. McEachran beat E. F. Fincher 6-3, 6-0, 6-4; L. Goldman beat J. A. Cassumbhoy 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Open Doubles.—Major Lucas and Dr. Tottenham beat Lai Kwong-tan and Lu Tak-lam 6-2, 8-6, 6-1; Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau beat V. Yvanovich and C. Barretto 6-1, 6-2, 6-0; M. K. and M. W. Lo beat S. E. and D. S. Green 6-2, 6-0, 6-3.

Handicap Singles.—"B."—M. D. Scott (owe 2/6) beat C. Stigter (owe 2/6) 4-6, 9-7, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles.—Ashworth and Mills beat Crook and Womack 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

To-day's Matches.—Two interesting matches are down for decision this afternoon in the Open Doubles. The full programme is as follows:

Open Doubles.—L. Goldman and J. S. McEachran v. A. D. Humphreys and R. N. Valentine; E. F. and E. C. Fincher v. J. W. Leonard and D. Bodiker.

Handicap Singles—"B."—A. C. I. Bowler v. P. F. Barker; O. C. Womack v. O. E. C. Marton.

FANLING GOLF.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE EASTER MEETING.

The programme for the Easter meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling contains five events. The principal competition is the Shanghai Visitors' Cup, for members only, to be played on Sunday, March 31, over 36 holes Medal play, under handicap. A Borey Medal Round and Four-ball Medal Foursomes have also been fixed for the old course. These are open to members and subscribers.

The only competition on the new course is Mixed Bogey.

NEW PLANT FOR CEMENT CO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Directors are again unable to recommend the payment of a dividend, but they are of the opinion that the Company's resources should be reserved for the erection of a new factory. We are only at the beginning of the cement era, and I think we can confidently look forward to good times in future years.

I now have pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and accounts as presented and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. J. Scott Harston seconded, but before the resolution was put to the meeting, Mr. Joseph Gould asked permission to put a few questions. This was given.

Three Queries.

Mr. Joseph Gould.—What is the practice of the Company in fixing the selling price of cement. Is it done by the Board, the General Managers or left to the discretion of the Company's staff?

When the price is so fixed, how long a period of time is usually allowed before it comes up for revision?

What was the price the Company was charging for its cement in the latter part of December last (1928)?

Continuing, Mr. Gould said:—My reason for putting these questions is that it might afford me an opportunity of calling attention to certain charges that have been made against the office staff of the Company, which, in fairness to all concerned, call for investigation. These charges consist of rankinevity and rudeness towards customers, and the preferential treatment, both in the way of prices and deliveries, of one set of customers as against all others.

I hold here in my hand a cheque in favour of this Company from a Chinese business firm calling for the delivery of 150 bags cement which had been verbally promised to that firm by the Company's comptroller at the current price of the day. This cheque was returned to the firm with a memo from the Company bearing the curt statement "Regret cement sold out"—not a word as to any future delivery or as to when the Company might be in a position to meet a demand.

A Sneezer?

Some time later, the same firm, being in urgent need of 100 bags, sent its representative to the Company's office and asked a member of the staff if he could have this quantity, adding at the same time that he was prepared to pay even 50 cents more a bag higher than the current price. The reply he received staggered him, both in its bluntness and the sneer it was intended to convey. He was asked "Why doesn't he buy Japanese or Haiphong cement?"

Such an attitude on the part of the staff is apt to be resented, and certainly does not tend to secure the goodwill of customers. Eventually, this firm was obliged to go to a dealer, who apparently was one of the favoured few, and had to pay \$4.50 per bag. I may say that the selling price of the Company on that day was \$3.60. It is puzzling to many of us why it was that the Company continued selling its cement at \$3.60, when it was well known that it was not in a position to cope with the existing demand, while the market was apparently willing to pay higher prices.

Manager's Commission.

There is another point I should like to touch upon in connexion with the statement of account, and that is in regard to the General Manager's Commission. On a net profit of some \$116,000, \$25,000 seems out of all proportion to pay by way of commission. I am aware that under the Company's Articles the General Managers are entitled to this scale, but surely those Articles are not like the laws of the ancient Medes and Persians, unalterable. I would, therefore, appeal to the Board and the General Managers to get together, and by agreement, make the commission payable proportionate to the net profits.

Chairman Replies.

The Chairman, replying to the questions in regard to the fixing of the price of cement, said:—"It is done by the General Managers according to the state of the market. You know there is fluctuation in the price of cement as in any other commodity."

The Chairman observed that the answer to the second question was the same and that the General Managers followed and watched the market.

In answer to the third question, Mr. Shewan indicated that the price of cement in December last was \$5.00 a cask and \$3.50 a bag. Dealing with the other question raised by Mr. Gould, the Chairman said that he would make investiga-

tion as to whether anybody on the staff had been rude. It did not follow, however, that if a person was advised to buy Haiphong cement, that the advice was given in an offensive way.

In regard to the question of General Managers' commission, Mr. Shewan said:—"You must not ask me to say anything about that. As you know, it was fixed by the shareholders themselves some years ago."

Mr. Gould:—"I know, but at the same time it seems out of proportion."

Mr. Shewan replied that the year has been exceptional and added that the prospects for the present year were good. The meeting then unanimously passed the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Business Matters.

The re-election of Messrs J. Scott Harston and Conrad F. Mendham as Directors was carried on the proposal of Mr. J. Gould, seconded by Mr. J. Coulthart.

Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Lowe Bingham and Matthews were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Mr. N. V. A. Groucher, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell. This concluded the business of the annual meeting.

The meeting then considered the passing of a special resolution for the purpose of granting the Directors power to spend \$3,500,000 for the purchase and installation of new cement plant at the Company's Hok Un works.

Need of New Plant.

In proposing the resolution, the Chairman said:—"Gentlemen—At the annual general meeting held in March last year, I informed you that your Board were investigating the question of the installation of a new plant at Hok Un with a view to placing concrete proposals before you in due course, and this meeting has been called for the purpose of asking you for your approval of this installation."

We have gone extremely carefully into the various aspects of the matter and in order to check our recommendations, and those made by our own technical and executive staff, we requested Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews to draw up a report on the financial side of the undertaking. This report we are glad to say, supports our own views and those of our technical staff, and is available to any shareholder on application to the Secretary. We think it will be inadvisable to delay the project and we propose accordingly going ahead immediately, subject to your agreement, to-day.

As regards financing the project, it is not the intention of your Board to call up further capital for, with the Company's own resources, deferred terms of payment which we expect to obtain from suppliers and with assistance from our bankers, a call on shareholders should not be necessary.

To Concentrate on Hok Un.

It is your Board's intention, in future, to devote their entire energies to Hok Un. No more capital will be spent at Mucos, and Deep Water Bay will be disposed of, if we can find a purchaser, or the works demolished.

The return we expect from the capital expended on a new plant, will, we feel confident, enable us to become again a dividend-paying concern at a no far distant date.

The market for our product is large and increasing, and I am sure will easily absorb the output of a new plant. The plant which will be chosen by our Works Manager in conjunction with expert technical advisers at Home, will be of the very latest type and will, amongst other things, enable us to manufacture rapid hardening cement, which is already finding such a ready market at Home and on the Continent, and which commands a much higher price than ordinary Portland cement.

I now beg to propose that the resolution mentioned in the notice calling this meeting namely, "that the Directors of the Company be and they are hereby authorised to proceed with the purchase and installation at the Company's Works at Hok Un, of a new cement plant and to expend on the purchase and installation of such new cement plant a sum of up to but not exceeding \$3,500,000," be passed as an extraordinary resolution and I shall be glad if some shareholder will kindly second this.

Mr. J. H. Taggart seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. G. Shewan occupied the chair at both meetings and there were present Messrs. C. A. de Roza, C.F. Mendham, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse-fong, J. H. Taggart (Directors), Mr. Allan Keith (Secretary), and the following shareholders:—Messrs. M.A. Figueiredo, Yeung Yau, Tang Keng-po, N.V.A. Croucher, O. Kitchell, J. Gould, Soo Pel-shao, P. M. N. de Silva, J. Coulthart, F. W. Shields, F. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer, Kwok Kam-hang, F. E. Silva and Captain J. Robinson.

THE V.D.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

AMALGAMATION WITH THE C.M.A. APPROVED.

THE BISHOP'S POINTS.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Diocesan Association, held yesterday at the Cathedral Hall, approved of a resolution proposing the amalgamation of the Victoria Diocesan Association with the Church Missionary Association.

The resolutions in connexion with the amalgamation were proposed by the Rev. W. W. Rogers and seconded by Professor L. Forster. The Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, who took the chair, pointed out that the two organisations were of proved worth and that he was in favour of the amalgamation.

The resolutions as proposed and seconded were as follows:

That this Annual Meeting approve of the amalgamation of the Church Missionary Association and the Victoria Diocesan Association into a single organisation to be known as "The Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association."

That a meeting to organise the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association is to be held on Tuesday, April 9, at the time fixed for the Victoria Diocesan Association "At Home."

That this Annual Meeting provisionally approve of the draft constitution of the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association.

That the existing Victoria Diocesan Association Council and Standing Committee continue to function for the time being until the new organisation is initiated. In making the proposal, the Rev. Mr. Rogers pointed out that the two organisations worked on very similar lines, and in fact there were members on the V.D.A.'s committee who also served on the C.M.A. The amalgamation would do away with the duplicating of committee work. Both organisations helped to carry on the work of the Church in the diocese, and he felt sure that they would accomplish more work as one society than they had done in the past, working separately.

The Bishop's Address.

After Professor Forster, had seconded the resolution, the Chairman, addressing the gathering, said:

Fellow members of the Victoria Diocesan Association: I want this afternoon to speak in a three-fold capacity: as President of the Victoria Diocesan Association, of the Church Missionary Association and of the Diocesan Conference.

There are three points I desire to make: (1) That the Church Missionary Association and the Victoria Diocesan Association are organisations of proved worth. (2) That having weighed as well as I can all the facts of the case, I am in favour of the proposed amalgamation. (3) That the proposed new Association, the Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association, has before it great possibilities of usefulness both as (a) a valuable adjunct to the Church of England Diocesan Conference with which I hope there will always be the closest possible liaison and (b) as an association with its own life, the aim of which is to help the Diocese as a whole with a distinct link both with the Chinese as well as the English Church in the Diocese.

Proved Worth.

As this is the annual meeting of the V.D.A., and perhaps its last meeting under its present organization, I shall specially emphasize the work that has been done by the V.D.A. during the past eight years. But before doing this I want to stress what Mr. Rogers has referred to, namely the valuable work done by the C.M.A. since its inception, exactly thirty years ago, at the instigation of my honoured predecessor, the late Dr. Horne, fourth Bishop of this Diocese.

The C.M.A. has had for its aim the spreading of missionary information, stimulating interest in missionary work and collecting funds for the support of Church Missionary work in the Diocese—and it would be hard to indeed to estimate the value of the work accomplished.

The average annual amount contributed, taking the whole period, has been about \$1,200 a year and the total something like \$36,000.

I think it may be truly claimed that more than any other single agency the C.M.A. has kept the missionary spirit alive in this Diocese.

Association's Objects.

Now let me turn to the Victoria Diocesan Association, under the auspices of which we meet to-day.

The V.D.A. was founded nearly nine years ago on June 24, 1920,

on the day of my consecration as Bishop.

Its stated objects are (1) To band together all who will interest themselves in the work of the Diocese. (2) To circulate information and to stimulate interest. (3) To call forth prayer and gifts for the Diocese, but, in a single sentence, we may say that its aim has been to foster the work of this Diocese as a whole and to promote a Diocesan spirit among us. And I want now to try to show that it has, in a real measure, effectively discharged this purpose.

What then has the V.D.A. done for the Diocese? It has helped to promote a Diocesan spirit and diocesan work in the following ways:

It has had an educative value in training a number of people to know something of the different sections of work in the Diocese. I think I may fairly claim that from its inception the V.D.A. Committee has been a really representative one. The Bishop and Archdeacon have from the first been members and among its members have always been the Clergymen in charge of the different Church of England Churches and those representing such other interests as Educational Institutions, the Church Missionary Society, and the Missions to Seamen; while there has been throughout a strong lay representation and more recently the Chung Hwa Shing Kung Hui has had representatives on the Council.

It has fostered the diocesan spirit by the production of a diocesan magazine, the "Outpost," which has also a local Supplement issued three times a year. The "Outpost," the Newsletter and the Supplement in all have seven issues each year so that in this way regular news of the Diocese is brought before people as well as occasional articles in the different Church magazines. The V.D.A. has also been responsible for a Manual of Intercession for the Diocese.

"There has been the educational work done by the half-yearly "At Home" which has been fully reported in the Press, dealing with subjects of general interest such as that which will be held on Tuesday, April 9th, on "Remedies for Racial Friction."

Past and Present.

The V.D.A. has been (a) a means of linking up past and present residents in Hongkong and elsewhere in the Diocese, both by the annual Re-union held in London each year and by the securing of ex-members of the V.D.A. in Hongkong as workers at Home on behalf of the Diocese. For instance, two of the keenest workers at Home at the present time are Sir Claud Severn and Archdeacon Barnett, while on the Committee at Home are a former Bishop of this Diocese and two former Chaplains of the Cathedral, to say nothing of a considerable body of the helpers, many of whom derived their interest in the Diocese largely through the V. D. A. in Hongkong. (b) and again the V. D. A. has been a valuable agency in linking up different congregations in this place—helping to unite the congregational elements in a larger whole. It has by this means truly helped to foster a Diocesan spirit.

Again it has promoted a spirit of service among us by means of such an agency as the Hospital Supplies Group which has helped the hospitals of this Diocese in a way that you can only appreciate by visiting the hospitals themselves. And there have been other activities of a like kind.

Then there has been the direct financial help given towards such objects as:

(a) New Churches and other buildings—such as the Church House, Canton; All Saint's Church, Ho Mun Tin; repairs to the Churches in Pakhoi and Limchow.

(b) Endowment and Pension Funds for the Chinese clergy (\$5,800).

(c) The training of students for the Ministry.

(d) The supply of literature both for free distribution and for a Christmas Gift of Books to the Chinese clergy each year.

(e) Diocesan travelling expenses.

(f) Miscellaneous objects, such as the salaries of three Bible Women (through an earmarked gift from Southport).

Indispensable Offices.

Above all the V. D. A. has made provision for two Diocesan workers, whose offices are, I am convinced, indispensable if the work of this Diocese is to be satisfactorily carried on:—(A) A Diocesan Chaplain whose functions have been (a) to work with the Bishop at the central work of the Diocese. There are at least twenty bodies of which the Bishop is Chairman besides his having responsibilities in other bodies, and all this work has to be co-ordinated and planned for. To take simply one illustration—the Chinese Synod has four Standing Committees (an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee and a Literature Committee) and four ad hoc Committees, each

working at special problems. (b) The Diocesan Chaplain has to help in production of literature, the "Outpost," with its Supplement and with a regular contribution towards "The Church Overseas," the Missionary Magazine of the Church of England, and has also to supply the information required by other official organizations of our Church in England; (c) Again there is touch to be maintained with workers' interviews to be arranged and so forth. (d) Fourthly there is pastoral work—regular visits to be paid to the outposts and not a little help given at St. Peter's Church, Hongkong. (3) With regard to the Diocesan Secretary in addition to all the routine work of a Secretary there are Diocesan archives to be kept. The Bishop's office is a Diocesan record office, and during the past year all records of the past eighty years have been thoroughly gone into and re-arranged. And there are a property register, legal documents and the records of all Committees to be kept in order and many other activities in which the Secretary has a share. It is the V. D. A. which has made provision both for the Chaplain and the Diocesan Secretary.

If you will study back reports you will see that in all \$28,000 has been passed through the local V.D.A. apart from provision for the Chaplain's stipend and also apart from something like \$500 to \$600 a year for Christmas gifts. \$28,000 to some of you may not seem a vast sum but with such a sum carefully used much may be accomplished in a Diocese such as this. Thus, in the matter of finance, as well as in the other ways recited above, I am sure that you will be convinced that the V.D.A. has played an indispensable part in the promotion of the work of this Diocese.

The Proposed Amalgamation. Now let me turn to my second point, the proposed amalgamation of the V.D.A. and the C.M.A. which is before us for decision to-day.

I think I may claim to have shown that the C.M.A. and the V.D.A. are organisations of proved worth.

The heart of the question now is whether the combined organization of the V.D.A. and the C.M.A. can effect what the two organisations working independently have accomplished.

As you have heard, the proposal before us is that we should somewhat enlarge the scope of the V.D.A. so as to emphasize both the diocesan and the missionary aspects of the work, and also that we should include service

in its list of activities so that the three objects of the new Association are (1) To band together all who will interest themselves in the work of the Diocese and in the missionary work of the Church generally. (2) To circulate information and to stimulate interest. (3) To call forth prayer, service and gifts for the diocese and for the missionary work of the Church.

It is also proposed that the title shall be "The Victoria Diocesan and Missionary Association." The V.D.M.A. will be linked up with the V.D.A. in London so that members on leaving the Colony will be automatically transferred to the V.D.A. in England if they so wish.

Our hope is that within this one organisation will be continued the distinctive contributions both of the V.D.A. and the C.M.A.

If this proposal is agreed to, then, at the meeting on April 9 the local V.D.A. and the C.M.A. will cease to exist and in their place will be created the V.D.M.A. into which it is hoped that all those who have previously been interested in one or other organization will throw their full strength, so as to make it in very deed a living association which shall count among its members all those who desire to promote the work of God in this Diocese and the missionary work of the Church generally.

And this brings me to my last point. The V.D.M.A. will, I hope, be definitely linked up with both the Church of England Diocesan Conference and with the Chinese Church in the Diocese. That is, I hope it will continue to have in increasing numbers both Chinese as well as European members and become in a large way a meeting ground for both sections of our Church.

To the Executive Council of the Church of England Diocesan Conference the new association must be linked by the closest possible liaison. For myself I should like to feel that the V.D.M.A. could be recognised as a sort of general diocesan and missionary sub-committee of the Executive Council with the Bishop and Archdeacon, and probably others also, as joint members of each body, and so serving as permanent liaison officers between the two. The Executive Council, keeping in touch with the V.D.M.A., would do the budgeting for the whole—the V.D.M.A. being a main channel through which funds for diocesan

and missionary work would come in and having the right to earmark these funds and to pay directly agents formerly provided for by the V.D.A. and C.M.A. The Executive Council would make a comprehensive budget, say in October of each year. This would be submitted to the Church Councils and also to the Committee of the V.D.M.A. After consideration by these bodies report would be made to the Executive Council which would finally settle the budget and make it public.

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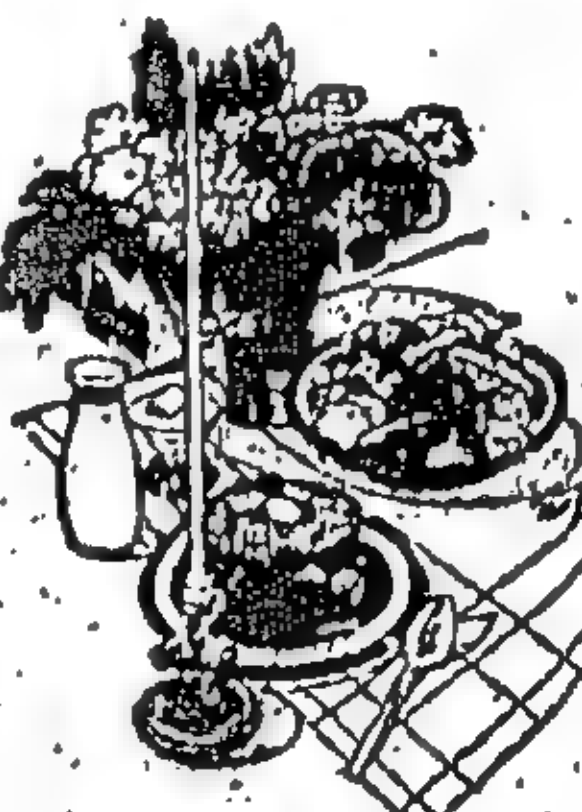
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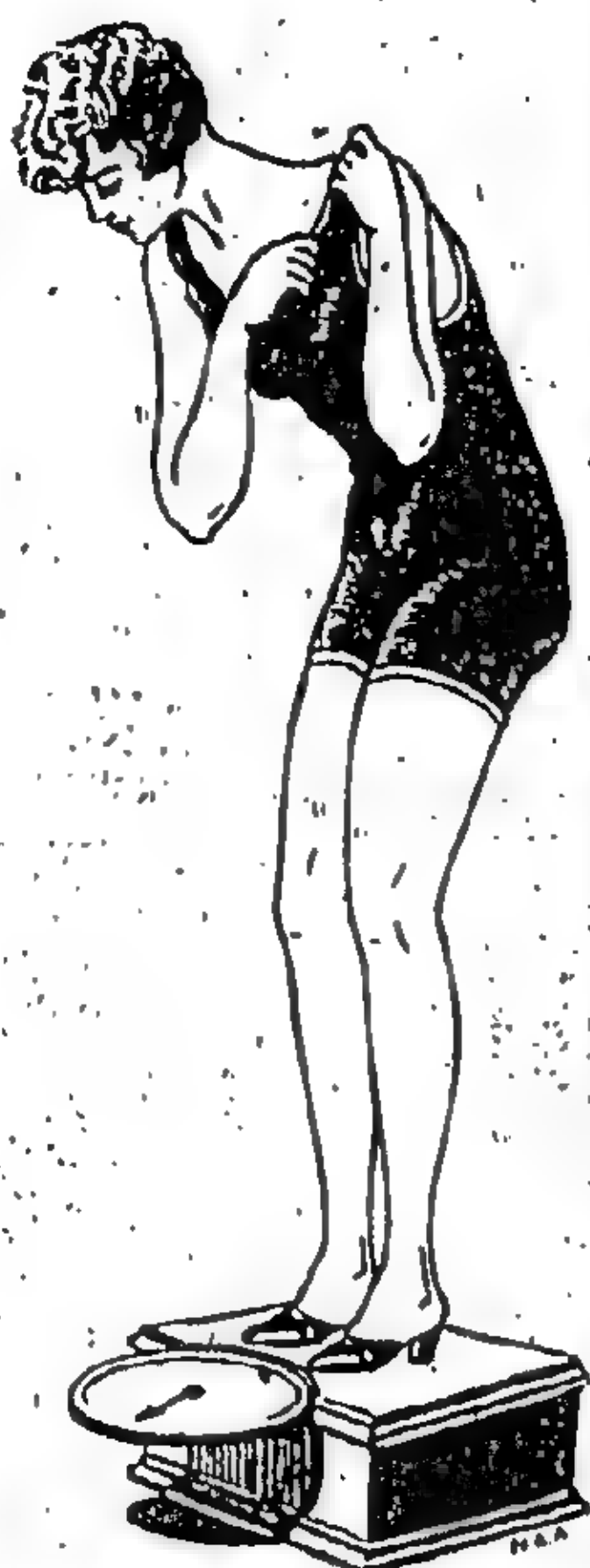
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PROPERTY AUCTION.

CITY HOUSES FETCH
HIGH PRICES.

A large crowd of Chinese at-
tended Messrs. Lamert's Auc-
tion Rooms yesterday, when the
sale was conducted of leasehold
properties, including a number of
dwellings in Wellington Street,
which were much fancied by Chi-
nese investors on account of their
central location and high rents.

Bidding commenced at \$116,000
for the property known as Nos.
99D, 99E and 99F Wellington
Street. This comprises three
newly erected four-storyed Chi-
nese shops and dwellings with
basements situated in the centre
of the city, on the piece or parcel
of ground registered in the Land
Office as Section C and the Re-
maining Portion of Inland Lot
No. 164. It has an area of 2,652
square feet or thereabouts and is
situated on the North side of Wel-
lington Street being bounded on
the East by Peel Street and on
the West by a private lane.

The bidding was confined to
three prospective purchasers, who
by successive bids of \$1,000 forced
the price to a point where it
represented an increase of a frac-
tion under half a lakh over the
upset price. There were many
last-minute bids before the prop-
erty was knocked down to a
Chinese gentleman who was seated
unobtrusively in one corner.
He gave his name as Lai Yue-
kee.

The purchase price was \$162,-
000. The property next put up for
sale No. 180, Wellington Street,
was described as an excellent
class three-storyed Chinese shop
and dwelling house with iron bal-
conies in front, situated in the
centre of the city on the piece
or parcel of ground registered in
the Land Office as Section 12 of
Inland Lot No. 8, and having an
area of 723 square feet or there-
abouts. The Annual Crown rent
payable on this property is \$12.00.

After keen bidding, this prop-
erty also became the posses-
sion of Mr. Lai for \$62,500.
No. 360 Queen's Road Central
and No. 47, Lower Macao Road,
which were put up in one lot,
were bought by Mr. Lai Tat-san,
after some bidding, which brought
a substantial increase to the up-
set price. The purchase money
amounted to \$74,000.

No. 1 Castle Road was also
bought by Mr. Lai Yue-kau at a
sale being effected at \$47,000.

NEW TRAM ROUTE.

QUICK CHANGE-OVER TO
BE MADE TONIGHT.

A Press representative called
at the office of the Hong-
kong Tramways, Limited, yesterday
to ascertain when it was proposed
to change over on to the new
double track between Heard Street
and Lee Garden Street and was in-
formed that the change-over was
planned for to-night.

This change-over involves con-
siderable preparation and exceed-
ingly quick work. The old track
will be cut in four places, viz:—
Heard Street, Tin Lok Lane, Per-
cival Street and Lee Garden Street.
The new rails (already crowded to
the correct radius of curve) are
to be laid and fish-plated, points
and crossing connected up and
bonded and the overhead equip-
ment with new junctions and trol-
ley wire, etc., all re-erected in the
new positions. All this must be
done between midnight and 4.45
to-morrow morning.

Certain work at the Lee Gardens
end will, in fact, be commenced at
11.30 p.m. and it may be necessary
for through passengers on late
cars to complete their journey by
motor buses which will be provid-
ed—against emergency—by the
Tramway Co. In the same way it
may be necessary to carry a few
of the early morning passengers
on Thursday by bus instead of
tram if the whole change-over to
the new track has not been quite
finished by 5.45 a.m.

THE V.D.A. ANNUAL
MEETING.

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be done. But while the Executive
Council in its executive capacity
is limited by its constitution to
the work of the English Church,
V.D.A. would seek to be the
handmaid both of the English and
the Chinese Churches in this
Diocese.

I may add here in parenthesis
that I hope that a day may come
when it may be possible to have
one Synod for the whole Diocese,
but before this can be much care-
ful work must be done by the
proposed Council of Co-operation.
We can only go a step at a time
and the emphasis may shift as
time flows on, but as I try to
visualise the immediate future it
seems to me that on some such
lines as these we might begin our
work.

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME
FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by Z.B.W. on 350 metres.
5.30-6.30 p.m. Programme of
Chinese Music, (Victor Records sup-
plied through the courtesy of Messrs.
Music World Co.).

7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. Evening Programme, (Vic-
tor Records supplied through the
courtesy of Messrs. S. Moutrie and
Co.).

Gems from "Aida" (Verdi)
Victor Light Opera Company.
"Lyric Suite" (Grieg); 1. Shepherd
Boy; 2. Norwegian Rustic March;
3. Nocturne; 4. March of the
Dwarfs.

Royal Albert Hall Orchestra.
"A Dream" (Cory-Bartlett)
"Humoresque" (Dvorak)
Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.
"Oh Man River" (from "Show Boat")
"Oh Lucindy."

The Revelers.
"Hungarian Fantasia" (Liszt)
Arthur de Greef and the
Royal Albert Hall Orchestra.
"The World is Waiting
for the Sunrise"
"Rose in the Bud"

Baritone, Ronald Werrenrath.
"Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time,"
"King for a Day,"
Organ Solo, Jesse Crawford.
"My Sunshine" (E. di Capua)
"Santa Lucia" (Cottrina)
Baritone, Emilio De Gogorza.

"Raymond" (Thomas) Overture,
Victor Symphony Orchestra.
"Marino—Salida de Jorge" (Arrieta)
Miguel Fleta.
Orchestra.
"Suite of Serenades" (Victor Her-
bert); 1. Spanish; 2. Chinese; 3.
Cuban; 4. Oriental.

Paul Whiteman and His Concert
"Oh, Hall of Song" (Wagner)
"The Dead City—Song of the Lute,"
Orchestra.
Soprano, Maria Jeritza.
"Ave Maria" (Schubert)
"Memories of Schubert,"
Organ Solo, Lawrence J. Munson.

"Sonny Boy,"
"Jeannine I Dream of Lilac Time,"
Victor Salon Group.
"Sonny Boy,"
"She's Funny that Way,"
Tenor, Gene Austin.
"Dream of Schubert," Modley Waltz,
Hungarian Rhapsody Orchestra.
10.10 p.m. News Bulletin.

"Tannhauser" (Wagner) Overture,
"The Mastersingers of Nuremberg,"
(Wagner),
Albert Coates & the Symphony
Orch.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.

THIRTY-SEVEN CASES DURING
LAST WEEK.

The return of the Medical
Officer of Health for the past
week shows a further drop in the
number of small-pox cases reported,
although the number of deaths
reported was higher than the pre-
vious week. Of the total of 37
cases, 15 were from Victoria, 20
from Kowloon and two from Shau-
kiwan.

The return for the 24 hours
ended March 11 shows ten further
cases of small-pox, six from the
city, one from Kowloon and the
other three from Shaukiwan.

The following table gives the
weekly return since November 3.

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	26
December 8	61	16
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	22
December 29	73	88
January 5	80	48
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	83
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	58
February 9	80	59
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	59
March 2	51	84
March 9	37	42

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CHINESE CHAMBER.

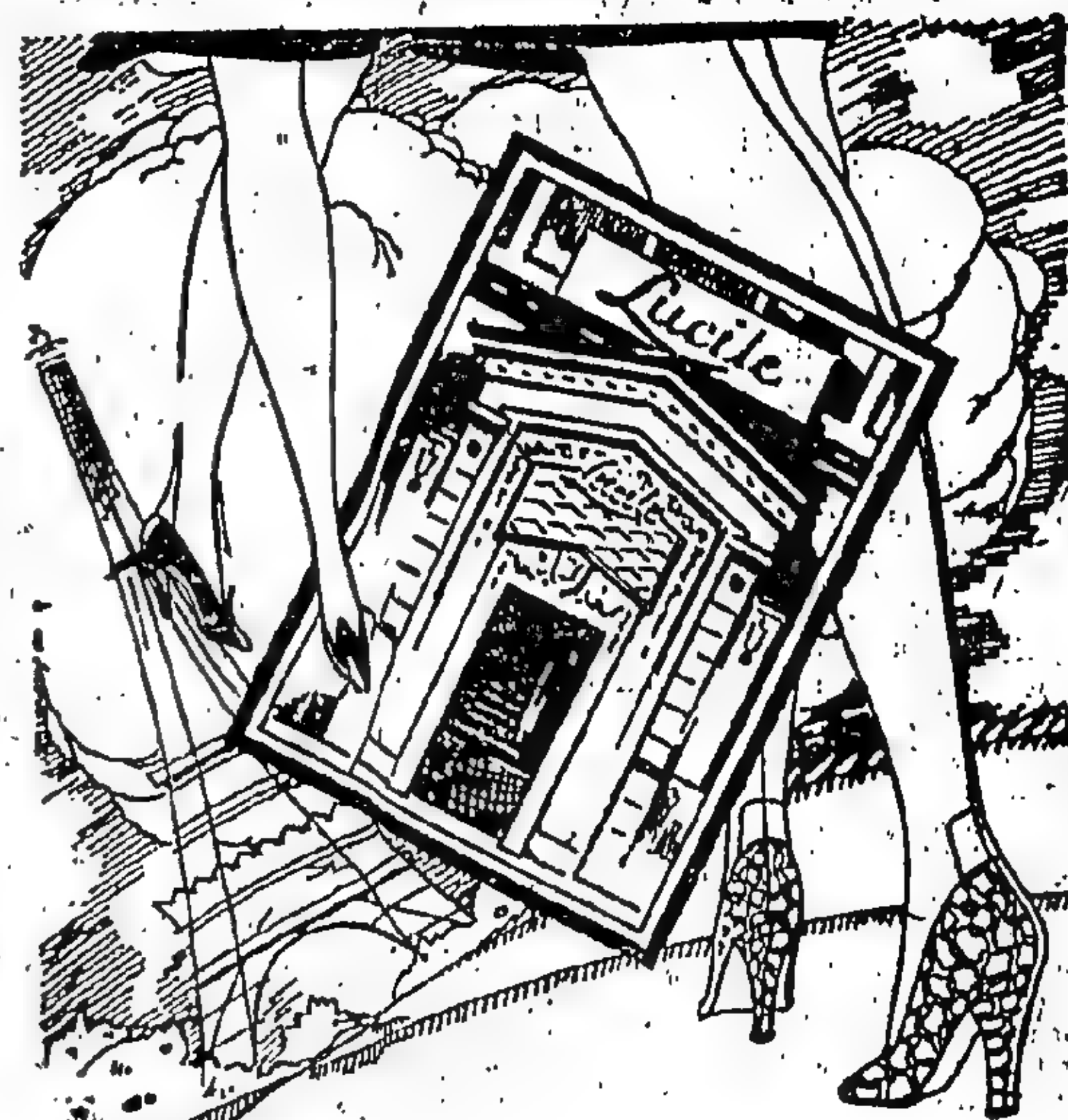
CHAIRMAN CONGRATULATED
AT MEMBERS' MEETING.

At a meeting of the Chinese
Chamber of Commerce held yester-
day, at which Mr. Li Yau-tsun
presided, the Chairman was con-
gratulated by members present on
receiving the C.B.E. decoration
from His Majesty The King.

Mr. Li Yick-mui, who spoke on
behalf of the members present,
remarked that Mr. Li Yau-tsun
was an indefatigable worker and
was always ready when the com-
munity needed him. The confer-
ring of a distinction upon Mr. Li
Yau-tsun was a very suitable re-
ward and none knew better than
the speaker how thoroughly de-
serving of the honour he was.

Letters of congratulation from
various institutions were then
read, at the end of which Mr. Li
Yau-tsun thanked the gathering
for the honour they had done him
and for the kind words which had
been spoken.

The business of the meeting was
brief, business disputes and com-
plaints being read to the members.
At its conclusion, it was decided
to make a presentation to Mr. Ip
Lan-chuen, the retiring secretary
and members were asked to con-
tribute towards this cause.



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BY ELEANOR EARLY.

CHAPTER XXVIII.

"Two lumps, Holly!" Ashforth sat at the breakfast table and tried to sound wifely. She was wearing Hollis' pyjamas and looking her best.

Now, women, en masse, are not built for pyjamas, any more than men are built for nightgowns. But Ashforth was one of those tall, slim girls, with long legs. Lean from knee to hip. And that, of course, makes a difference. As a matter of fact, she never looked better in her life.

They were orchid satin pyjamas. With a military neck, and a Russian sash.

Over them she wore a silk dressing gown of Roman striped effect. Behind each ear she had pinned a scarlet hibiscus, red as her laughing lips.

Her own clothes were lying on the bushes. And Ashforth was wishing it would rain, so that she could wear the pyjamas all day. "A week tomorrow," remarked Hollis, and suited his paw paw apathetically. "The boat is coming in early, Orchid."

For six days these two lived in the little house on the top of the mountain. And every day the sun had shone. And every night the stars had twinkled and bathed the garden in silver light.

"And now," he said, "you are going away."

Ashforth bent her head above her plate. And wondered what a girl should do in such a situation. Hollis had loved her. That is, he was crazy about her. She knew that it had been awfully difficult for him—being so dreadfully respectful.

And she loved him. Or was it love? Well, it didn't really matter. He had money to burn. And he was sweet, and wonderfully deferential. And generous as could be. After all, what else is there? It wasn't even as if he wasn't good looking. Why, Hollis had simply everything! A girl would be an awful fool if she couldn't love a man like him.

Ashforth's experiences had been rather limited. A certain fastidiousness had saved her from the promiscuous petting in which many girls indulge. But Monty had kissed her with a considerable degree of warmth and longing. And Jack Smythe had voiced his desires in no uncertain terms. There were, also, other men. They had not particularly impressed Ashforth.

Beautiful girls are usually sophisticated. Unless, of course, they are dumb. Aside from her own experiences, Ashforth's knowledge of the affairs of other girls—notably Sadie—had tended to acquaint her with the ways and thoughts of men.

For six days she and Hollis had lived in a glorious paradise. Her presence had stimulated and excited him. So that he had kissed her and made love. But further than that he had not gone. And tomorrow she was going home.

They were alone now in the dining room. Beyond the long window lay the garden. Humming birds fluttered about the butterfly bushes. And a wistful little breeze that had dalled among the lilies and stolen their fragrance came stealing through the room.

Hollis put his hand on Ashforth's. "Have you been happy?" he asked her.

In his voice there was a hunger and a questioning that made her heart rejoice.

"So happy," she said. "Will you miss me?" he asked her.

She knew then what it was he would ask next—when she slipped her hand in his.

"Oh, I'll miss you fearfully," she told him. And pried her fingers beneath his, and let them rest against his hot, hard palm. And they were soft and cool and lovely.

"Do you love me?" he whispered. "Just a little, Orchid?"

"Mm-mm," she murmured, so like a little frightened thing, that he had to lean in to hear.

They were quiet for a minute. And a mountain whistler, through the stillness, called his mate.

"Do you," she asked, "love me a little?"

Beneath her breath she asked it, with her chin on her shoulder, and her dark hair against his mouth. So that his lips caressed the red flower she had pinned behind her ear.

"Oh, my dear," he cried. "My dear!"

A servant, padding softly on bare feet, came and filled their coffee cups. They ate in silence, tasting their food and pushing the plates away.

"Come," he said, and drew her to her feet. "It is glorious in the garden now."

They wandered through a crumbling wall to a giant tree whose hollow trunk was cushioned with moss. Above their heads a cluster of orchids grew from a bough within their reach.

"This tree," he told her, "is the father of all trees. See, there is room enough within its trunk for two to sit and love."

He put his arm about her shoulders, and they passed into the gaunt embrace of the great tree. Grey moss, like the beards of patriarchs, hung from its branches and away in the breeze.

"It's like a Druid," whispered Ashforth, and pressed against him. He held her closely and ran his hand across her shoulders, in their satin jacket.

"Give me your lips," he whispered. "Just once."

And when he had kissed her he held her away, with his fingers gripping her arms so tightly that she winced.

"That is all I want," he said. His voice was stern as if he were trying to convince himself that it was the truth. He even repeated it. And his mouth tightened at the corners.

"That is all I want, Orchid. Only your lips, dear. Your lips—just once."

Ashforth's heart was beating madly. Throbbing in the hollow of her throat, where Monty used to press his kisses. Her eyes were wide and frightened. But she smiled with her red lips. And was, at once, filled with fear and rejoicing.

Because she knew that Hollis had lied with his twisting, hungry mouth.

"Go put some clothes on!" he told her harshly. His voice was very rough. But that was because he was trying to keep it even.

She smiled again. And brushed his cheek with her lips.

"Once more," she whispered. She put her arms about his neck and drew his mouth to her face. His breath was hot on her face. And his blue eyes were flashing like Monty's. He bent fiercely and fastened his lips on hers. And she felt his teeth, hard and cruel.

She tried, impotently, to shake her head. He hurt, when he kissed like that. As she struggled he drew away.

"I never meant to kiss you like that," he told her. "For days I've been steeling myself against this."

"Why?" she asked. He ground his heel into the soft ground. And put his feet apart and his hands in his pockets.

"Why?" she repeated innocently. "My God!" he exclaimed. "Don't you know why?"

She shook her head helplessly. A strange breathlessness welled within her, filling her body and her throat, so that her breath came in little strangled gasps.

He looked at her steadily, until her face crimsoned, and she dropped her eyes.

"You know why," he said. "Yes," she whispered.

"Then please," he besought her, "go get dressed!"

She laughed like a naughty child. "I haven't any clothes," she reminded him. "They're hanging on a hickory limb, or something. Hortense said so."

Hortense was a big, ebony housemaid. Ashforth left her clothes each night on the floor as she stepped out of them. Some time before she woke, Hortense washed and ironed them. But this morning there was a shower, and Hortense had explained that little Missy must wait. Ashforth had no other clothes, and wore Hollis' pyjamas and dressing gown through necessity.

"I'll put on your raincoat," she offered, "if this 'boudoir scenery' bothers you."

"You'd better," he told her grimly. "Saint Anthony himself couldn't look at you in that outfit."

She secured her hibiscus firmly in the great coils of heavy hair that hugged her ears. And wound the silk gown about her hips.

Hollis appraised her critically. "If Mr. Ziegfeld could see you now," he informed her, "there'd be a pyjama brigade in the Follies. Tall, slim girls, with red flowers behind their ears."

She laughed delightedly. "I always wanted to go on the stage," she confessed. "I suppose every girl does. I read a story once about a famous Follies queen, you know. It said that she was quite a poor girl who lived in Boston. She was a bride and her husband wanted to have a picture of her in her wedding gown. But she was such a thrifty little thing she wouldn't let him spend the money. She said they'd buy some linens for the kitchen, or some curtains for the bedroom, instead. But he coaxed her to a studio, and when she heard him tell the photographer that they wanted the very cheapest picture they could get, she consented to have one taken."

"But when she wasn't listening her husband told the man to finish a great big beautiful one. And it was such a perfectly lovely picture that the photographer asked her

husband's permission to submit it in some beauty contest. Helen almost had it because it cost so much money. She didn't feel any better when they told her she had won first prize, either, because she was so furious with her husband for being extravagant. You see, she was absolutely crazy about him, and she didn't care a bit about being famous, or a beauty, or anything of the sort."

"But her husband was so proud that he persuaded her to go to New York to accept the prize. He took her to the station and kissed her goodbye. And promised to water the plants and feed the cat, and everything."

"And then, all of a sudden, Mr. Ziegfeld, or someone, saw Helen. And they offered her a great big contract. And everybody started calling her the most beautiful girl in the world."

"And that, I suppose," interrupted Hollis, "was the end of the poor, adoring husband?"

"I guess it was," agreed Ashforth. "But what I started to say was—wasn't it just like a fairy tale? It was too bad, of course—walking out on a loving husband, but just the same."

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Ashforth laughed. "No," she said. "What would you do?"

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1292 ss.
Chartered Bank, \$211 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$24 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asiatic, \$208 n.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.
Union Ins., \$388 ss.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Fire, \$200 b.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$790 ss.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$304 n.
H.K. Steamships, \$27.50 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$24 b.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$92 n.
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.

Mining.

Benguet, \$2.70 b.
Kailash, 70/- n.
Langkats, 11s. 14 b.
Shai Exploration, 11s. 3.00 ss.
Kauba, \$7.10 n.
Trenohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$1261 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$404 n.
China Providents, \$4.35 s.
Kongkows, 11s. 1684 n.
New Engineering, 11s. 54 n.
Shanghai Docks, 11s. 114 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, 11s. 13.35 b.
Orientals, 11s. 2 n.
Shai Cottons, 11s. 70 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.10 n.
H. K. Lands, \$634 b.
Shai Lands, 11s. 169 b.
Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$8.60 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.60 ss.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$684 n.
China Lights, (old) \$13 ss.
H. K. Electric, \$553 b.
Macao Electric, \$262 n.
Telephones, \$71 n.
China Buses, 11s. 17.75 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugar, \$1.25 n.
Malabons, \$30 b.
Canton Iron, \$2 s.
Cements (Comb.), \$9.10 b.
Ropes (Old), \$71 b.
United Asbestos, \$5 n.
Stores etc.
Dairy Farms, \$204 s.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Der A. Wing, \$80 b.
Lano Crawford, \$24 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$104 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$26 s.
Constructions, \$1.25 s.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, \$654 s.
H.K.G. Loan, \$1 s. Prem. Interest.

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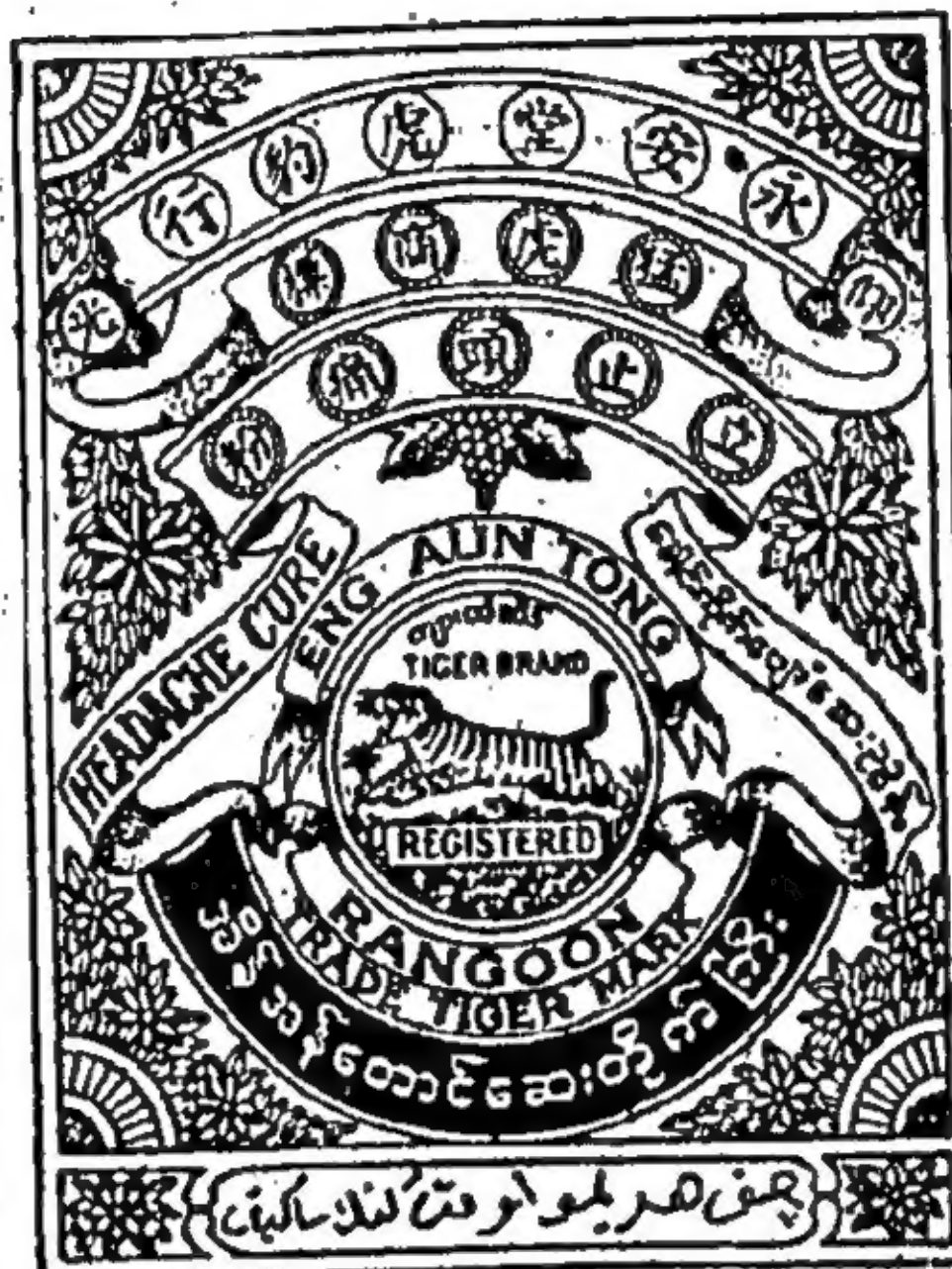
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THE TURMOIL IN AFGHANISTAN.

FORMER GENERALISSIMO ON THE SCENE.

CRITICAL SITUATION.

Peshawar, Mar. 12. It is thought likely that the war for the throne will commence in earnest very shortly, though there is no sign of activity by Amanullah yet.

General Nadir Khan, the former Generalissimo of the Afghanistan Army, who has been living in retirement in the south of France for some years, arrived at Peshawar from Nice about a week ago, and left almost immediately for Kohat.

The old military leader was last heard of at Kohat, where he received a deputation from Amanullah, which urged him to support the former King. In reply, General Nadir Khan said that his chief aim was to save the country from bloodshed.

It was expected that Nadir Khan would proceed from Kohat to Kabul for the purpose of opening negotiations with Habibullah.

Preparations for his reception were actually made at Kabul, but when it was learned that he was not arriving, Habibullah ordered the confiscation of his property.

All Ahmed Khan, the Jellalabad leader, who was deposed after the repulse of his advance on Kabul early in February, is still in Peshawar.

Rumours that Amanullah is advancing against Kabul are not confirmed.—Reuter.

BRITISH TRADE

London, Mar. 12. The Board of Trade returns show that imports for the month of February were of a value of £91,349,000, this being a decrease of £7,508,000 compared with February of last year.

Exports for the month totalled £56,664,000, which is a decrease of £1,571,000 compared with last year.—British Wireless.

THE UNEMPLOYED.

London, Mar. 12. On March 4th, the total number of unemployed was 1,387,300, which was 4,661 less than the week before, and 252,848 more than a year ago.—British Wireless.

ADMIRAL BRISTOL IN CANTON.

ROUND OF OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS.

Canton, Mar. 12.

Admiral Mark L. Bristol, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Far East Fleet, arrived in Canton this afternoon on board the U.S.S. Guam. Visits were immediately exchanged between the Senior Officers of the British, French, Japanese and Italian ships in port and the Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Guam.

Mr. Douglas Jenkins, U.S. Consul General in Canton, also went on board the U.S.S. Guam to visit Admiral Bristol. Just before 4 p.m. the U.S.S. Asheville also arrived from Hongkong, and Admiral Bristol transferred his flag to that ship.

Owing to the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, no official welcome was extended by the Chinese authorities. However to-morrow the U.S.S. Asheville will fire a salute of 21 guns to the Nationalist flag to which the Feng-yang, flagship of the Kwangtung Provincial Fleet, will reply. A further salute of 17 guns will then be fired to Admiral Bristol, to which the U.S.S. Asheville will reply.

Later in the morning, Admiral Bristol accompanied by Mr. Douglas Jenkins will call on the Acting Head of the Kwangtung Provincial Government and there will be an official luncheon at Government Headquarters to which, besides Admiral Bristol and Mr. Douglas Jenkins, the Officers of the U.S.S. Asheville, and U.S.S. Guam the Consulate Staff and the leading members of the American community have been invited.

In the afternoon, Admiral Bristol will hold a reception on board the U.S.S. Asheville for the local Government officials, members of the Consular Body and the American community.

The American community were to have given a ball in the Canton Club Theatre this evening for Admiral and Mrs. Bristol, but they have cancelled it owing to the anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Admiral Bristol will return to Hongkong on Thursday.—Our Own Correspondent.

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LORD DAVIDSON ON A UNIQUE HORROR.

ENGLAND'S HOUSING A
GHASTLY SHAME.

London, Feb. 12.

Archbishop Lord Davidson, speaking in support of a slum clearance scheme at Chelsea last night, said he felt like a blushing debutant in Chelsea—(laughter)—but he could not be a resident without raising his voice, as to the unique horror in England of the housing conditions.

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Taxpayers in Sydney have been given wireless advice on the manner of filing up their income-tax forms.

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NANKING'S DEMANDS.

ABOLITION OF PROVINCIAL COUNCILS.
Shanghai, Mar. 12.
The present prospects point to the probability of the Wuhan troops accepting instructions from the Central Government. It is reliably reported that the Nanking Government is demanding, firstly, the abolition of the Provincial Political Councils of Hupai, Hunan and Kwangtung or the removal of Ku Tsung-tu from the chairmanship of the Hupai Council; secondly, the removal of Ho Chien and the reinstatement of Lu Ti-ping as Chairman of the Hunan Council, and thirdly, the withdrawal of all Wuhan troops from Kiangsi and from Hunan.

Hsiao Litzze, Nanking's special delegate to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang in connexion with the Hunan issue, has returned. He states that Feng is anxious for a peaceful issue, but in any case will obey the decision of the Central Party Headquarters.—*Reuter.*

No General Mobilization.
Hankow, Mar. 12.
There is a quiet consensus of opinion that the Wuhan troops would be unable to withstand an attack from Nanking since the loyalty of certain generals is most doubtful. There are no indications of general mobilization or that a settlement by negotiation is likely to fail. Troops going down river are only sufficient to hold up the opposing forces for the time necessary to permit the main forces to retreat from Wuhan.—*Reuter.*

Border Skirmishes.
Hankow, Mar. 12.
The Provincial Kuomintang members have not departed, as arranged, for the forthcoming Congress and the situation again seems to be tending toward seriousness. The latest from Changsha, is that Ho Chien has resigned, having sent his resignation to Nanking instead of Wuhan. This is not yet confirmed. It is reported that Lu Ti-ping has arrived at Kiating from Nanking and that skirmishes have already commenced on the border.—*Reuter.*

Pel Chung-hsi's Advice.
Shanghai, Mar. 12.
A message from Peking says that Pel Chung-hsi in the course of a circular telegram dealing with the Hunan situation, urges the Central authorities to maintain a calm, tolerant attitude. He points out that the Wuhan Political Council, being a subordinate organ to the Central Government will and must abide by the decision of the Central Political Council.—*Reuter.*

HONAN POLITICS.
PROVINCIAL DIRECTORATE TO BE DISMISSED.
Shanghai, Mar. 12.
A Nanking message says the dismissal of the entire Provincial Party Affairs Directorate for Honan, on account of "unwarranted criticism of the Central Executive Council and defiance of its decisions," has been decided upon, on the ground that the former opposed the method of election of delegates to the forthcoming National Congress.—*Reuter.*

KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

FIRST MEETING OF NEWLY ELECTED COMMITTEE.
The first monthly committee meeting of the newly elected committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place on Monday evening in St. Andrew's Church Hall, the chair being taken by Mr. C. M. Manners, O.B.E., President of the Association.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman welcomed the following new members to the Committee: Messrs. W. J. Brown, Lai Im To, E. Tregillus, W. Goldenburg and Capt. Riggs.

Arising out of the minutes the Chairman mentioned that the Yau-matli shelter wall had now been cleared of the insanitary squatters who had previously made the place a menace to public health and a hotbed of disease, the old and infirm people affected having been absorbed by the various Chinese charitable organizations. It was decided that the time was now opportune to approach the Government with a view to turning the wall into a promenade for the provision of fresh air in such a thickly populated locality.

Sub Committees.
The following sub-committees were then appointed.
Correspondence.—The President, Vice President and Hon. Secretary.
Bathing Facilities.—Capt. Riggs, Messrs. E. Tregillus and F. Stapleton.
Children's Playground.—Messrs. W. J. Brown, B. W. Tape and J. M. Alves.

Yau-matli Ferry Approach.
Messrs. F. Easterbrook, E. Cock and B. Wylie.
Messrs. F. Mow Fung and F. Stapleton were appointed to represent the Association on the Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Show and Capt. T. Laurensen on the Committee of the R.S.P.C.A.

Yau-matli Bus Service.
Letters and plans pointing out that residents of Hung Hom and Kowloon City at present had to walk from the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads to reach the Yau-matli Ferry, which was their only available ferry service after 6.20 p.m. were placed before the meeting. After discussion, it was decided to request the C.S.P. to arrange for Bus Route No. 4 to be extended so as to serve the Yau-matli Ferry Wharf.

"Star" Ferry Approach.
The proposal of the authorities to utilize the levelled-off "Island" outside the "Star" Ferry as a parking place for buses was discussed and plans of the proposal were passed to the sub-committee, with a request that they report thereon at the next meeting.

Other matters including the speeding of motor cycles in Humphrey's Avenue, the condition of the footpath in Hanoi Road and the turnstiles at the Star Ferry Wharf were discussed and left in the hands of the Correspondence Committee.

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STORIES OF AFRICA.

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Professor Brown recounted his experiences in 1927, when he made a journey from Mombassa to Nairobi and then on to Lake Nyman. He gave very interesting details of the wild animals which he encountered, some of his narratives provoking keen interest, whilst others caused much laughter.

Africa, said the lecturer, was extremely primitive, even to-day. It was a place where man found nature too vast to conquer and only recently, by the introduction of steam engines and through the help of medical and engineering sciences, is man beginning to establish his superiority in this continent.

Of the beauties of the mountains and the plains of East Africa, Professor Brown gave a very vivid description and his lantern slides of landscapes were very interesting. The pictures which were shown to the audience included examples of the different type of animals to be encountered in Africa—from lions and elephants to zebras and cattle. Of the birds of the country, many slides were shown and Professor Brown described the habits and peculiarities of the different varieties as they appeared on the screen.

The flora of East Africa also came in for attention, and Professor Brown entertained his audience with descriptions of the umbrella tree and similar freaks. One slide showed a flower, but the lecturer explained that what appeared to be the flower was really a number of beehives clustered together for protection.

The lecturer was warmly thanked by Professor L. Forster at the end of his discourse.

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Pres. Wilson <th>Sun., Apr. 21st 8 a.m.</th> <td>Pres. Polk <th>Sun., June 2nd, 8 a.m.</th> </td>	Sun., Apr. 21st 8 a.m.	Pres. Polk <th>Sun., June 2nd, 8 a.m.</th>	Sun., June 2nd, 8 a.m.

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Pres. Jefferson	Mar. 16th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Lincoln	Mar. 30th, 6 p.m.
Pres. Johnson <th>Mar. 24th, 6 a.m.</th> <td>Pres. Monroe <th>Apr. 7th, 8 a.m.</th> </td>	Mar. 24th, 6 a.m.	Pres. Monroe <th>Apr. 7th, 8 a.m.</th>	Apr. 7th, 8 a.m.
Pres. Grant <th>Mar. 26th, 6 p.m.</th> <td>Pres. Cleveland <th>Apr. 9th, 6 p.m.</th> </td>	Mar. 26th, 6 p.m.	Pres. Cleveland <th>Apr. 9th, 6 p.m.</th>	Apr. 9th, 6 p.m.

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Mr. R. Curnow, extra second officer, Shengking, has gone second officer, Ngankin. Mr. E. J. Thomas, second officer, Ngankin, has gone extra second officer, Shengking.

Mr. N. Pounder, chief officer, Tungchow, is on Home leave. Mr. W. B. Paul, chief officer, Wanchien, has gone chief officer, Tungchow.

Mr. G. P. Cope, chief officer, Shansi, is on reserve.

Captain G. Morris, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave. Captain J. Pringle, China Navigation Co., is on Home leave.

Mr. E. S. Conwell, second officer, Anking, has gone second officer, Kwangtung. Mr. J. W. Evans, from reserve, has gone second officer, Anking. Mr. J. C. Bartley, second officer, Kwangtung, has gone second officer, Chengtu.

Mr. H. S. McComb has been appointed third engineer officer, Poyang. Mr. J. W. Anderson, second engineer officer, Poyang, is on Home leave.

Mr. W. Wishart, chief engineer officer, Ichang, is on reserve. Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, Tungchow, has gone chief engineer officer, Ichang.

Mr. J. F. Tonry, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Wantung.

Mr. P. A. Matland, extra chief engineer officer, Hain Peking, is on Home leave.

Mr. H. Maidment, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, Shengking.

Mr. W. W. Brown, extra chief engineer officer, Luchow, has gone extra chief engineer officer, Shengking.

Mr. P. Studholme, third officer, Kulsang, has gone extra second officer, Yusan.

Mr. P. H. Vanette, extra second officer, Kutwo, has gone second officer, Mingsang.

Mr. J. B. Robson, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Hopang. Mr. C. C. Warren, chief officer, Hopang, has gone chief officer, Kumwang.

Mr. R. E. Holden, chief officer, Leesang, is on reserve.

Mr. D. J. E. Robertson has been appointed extra third engineer officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. A. W. Best, chief officer, Charles Hardouin, has gone master, Sanning. Captain E. P. Smith, of the Sanning, has gone master, Tin Yat.

Mr. T. Ogier, from reserve, has gone second officer, Taisan. Mr. S. J. Carter, second officer, Taisan, has gone acting chief officer, Kinshan.

Mr. D. Bousfield, chief officer, On Lee, has gone acting master, Talice. Captain E. Midgley, of the Talice, is on reserve.

Captain T. A. Lupton, from reserve, has gone master, Chin Kwang. Mr. E. Jacob, chief officer, Shu Kwang, has gone chief officer, Chin Kwang. Captain W. Sudbury, of the Chin Kwang, is on reserve.—Shipping and Engineering.

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Per Dollar Line President Taft from Hongkong for San Francisco on March 12.—Mr. Charles H. Button, Mr. K. E. Fernandez, Mrs. Elie Fetter, Mr. W. A. Haskell, Mr. John Satzky, Mrs. J. F. Bell, Miss Margaret Bell, Mr. Thomas Bradley, Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Biddle, Miss Edith Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Hoover, Mr. Stephen Hoover, Miss Emma E. Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holby, Miss Gertrude Hobbs, Mr. Chas. Alberding, Mr. Wm. C. Bittendorff, Mrs. Wm. C. Bittendorff, Mr. W. Bittendorff, Miss M. Bittendorff, Mr. J. Bittendorff, Mr. M. P. Backus, Mr. Walter C. Bruno, Mrs. Marjorie Bruno, Mr. Alan Bruno, Mr. Carl Bruno, Mr. J. Ferry, Mrs. Sarah Geason, Mrs. Edith Gidson, Dr. N. H. Geason, Miss Lavonia Hines, Mr. C. W. Hemming, Mrs. Emma K. Cutter, Mr. A. E. Franke, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, Misses C. and A. Goddard, Mr. H. C. Robb, Mr. A. R. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Denison, Mr. A. G. Mulk, Mrs. J. L. N. Daniels, Miss J. M. E. Daniels, Miss Jenkin Bell, Miss J. Noel, Mr. Y. W. Tang, Mr. Lau Chung Kin, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Hendriksen, Mr. S. W. Hendriksen, Mr. T. C. Hards.

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The ss. Shidzuka Maru is the first of the four vessels transferred to the Hongkong-Seattle run, the others being the ss. Yokohama Maru, the ss. Mithima Maru and the ss. Iyo Maru. These vessels will call in the course of their voyage, at Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Victoria, B.C., before arriving at Seattle.

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The ss. Shidzuka Maru entered with 1,689 tons of flour, salt and herring for local discharge and carried no passengers. She has a crew of 97 under the command of Capt. Shinaku.

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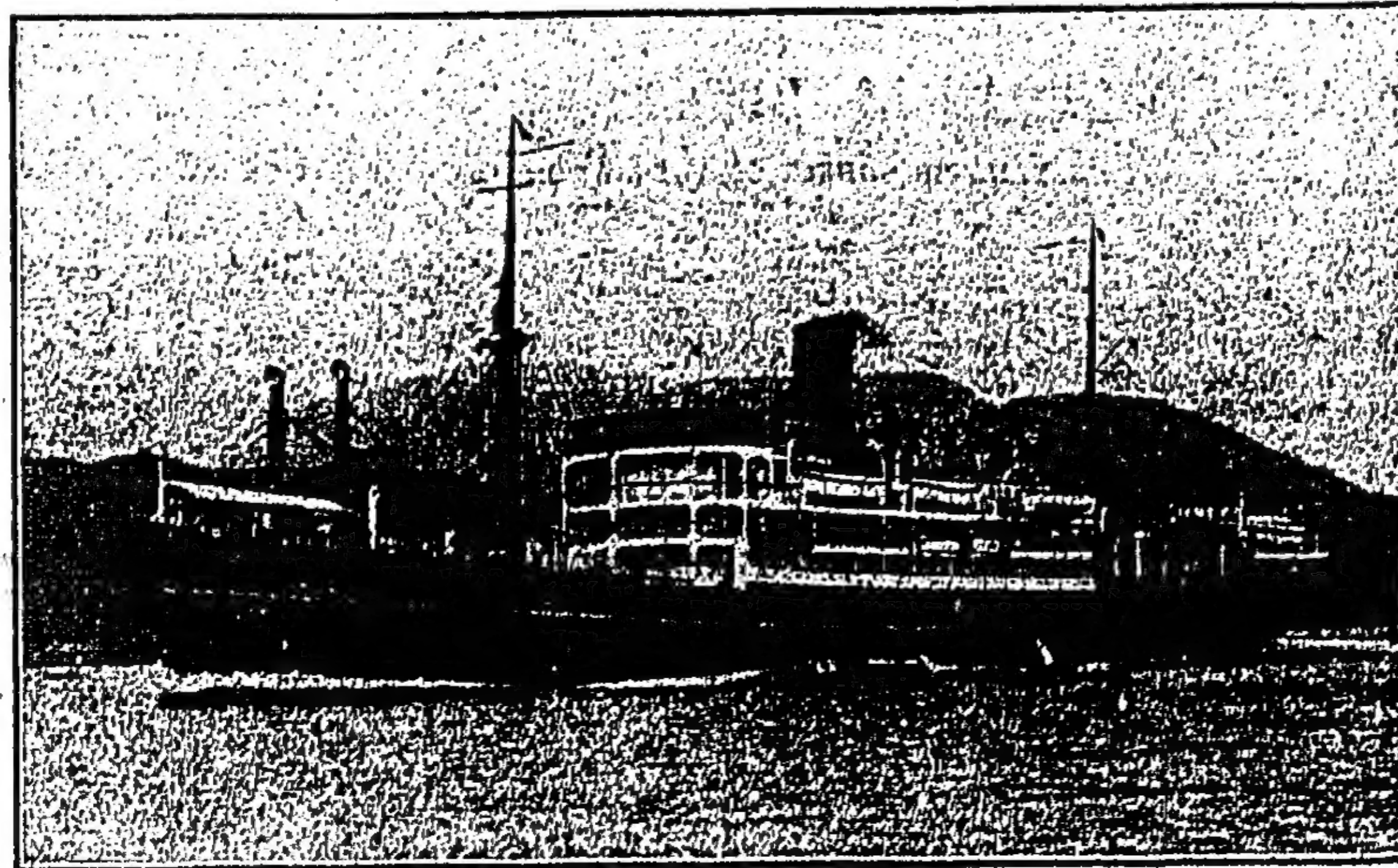
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formed the Kuo Min news agency
correspondent last night that he
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NATIONAL CONGRESS.

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APPOINTED.

Nanking, Mar. 11.
The Central Executive Commit-
tee of the Kuomintang Party has
appointed Mr. Tai Chi-tao to be
Chief Secretary and Mr. Yeh Chu-
chang as Acting Chief Secretary to
the Third National Congress as
Mr. Tai Chi-tao is in mourning.—
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before the beginning of next
year.—Reuter.

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LEAVE TO APPEAL REFUSED.

MR. INSTONE BREWER'S
APPLICATION.

DISCUSSION REGARDING
THEFT AT HOUSE.

"GAGGED" BARRISTER.

Mr. N. Instone Brewer, barrister-at-law and President of the Instone Banking Corporation, made an unsuccessful application to the Full Court this morning for leave to appeal against the judgment recently given by Mr. Justice Wood in the action brought by Mr. R. Simmons against Mr. Brewer for board and lodging for the appellant and his wife at No. 4, Century Crescent.

It will be recalled that Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment for Mr. Simmons for \$375, and that at the time Mr. Brewer complained that he had been "gagged" in not having been permitted to make his defence clear.

This morning's application was made before Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice Wood (Pylene Judge).

Separation of Claims.

In making the application, Mr. Brewer said it was based on the point of law that his counter-claim should not have been separated from the claim, that he (Mr. Brewer) should not have been deprived of the right of making an opening statement prior to calling his witnesses, and that the verdict was against the weight of evidence.

After Mr. Brewer had put forward his views on the separation of the claim from the counter-claim, some argument ensued on the Code, the Chief Justice saying that Mr. Brewer's contentions must be based on it.

Mr. Brewer went on to speak of an agreement alleged to have been made between himself and Mr. Simmons; by which the latter agreed to remit a month's rent in consideration of which Mr. Brewer would withdraw the counter-claim.

Mr. Brewer's Protest.

Mr. Brewer protested against not being allowed to call witnesses with regard to the motive which Mr. Simmons had for trying to get him (Mr. Brewer) to leave the house. He said Mr. Simmons had a definite motive in desiring him and Mrs. Brewer to get out at the end of the month.

That motive was that as soon as they were out of the house, Mr. Simmons would be able to discharge his servants, who were material witnesses, and thus he (Mr. Brewer) would not be able to get into touch with them. Mr. Simmons had denied that there was an agreement, and he (Mr. Brewer) had affirmed that there was one, but the Judge did not decide for either party.

The Chief Justice said he understood that Mr. Brewer would have an opportunity of presenting his counter-claim.

Mr. Brewer, continuing, said that at the close of the plaintiff's case he got up to make an opening speech, but was told it would not be necessary. "I then said that I wished to explain my defence," said Mr. Brewer, "but was told forthwith to call my witnesses."

The Chief Justice:—You were allowed to make a speech later on, were you not?

After Judgment.

Mr. Brewer:—I was allowed to make a speech after judgment had been delivered.

Mr. Justice Woods then summarised the procedure followed in the case, to which Mr. Brewer agreed.

Mr. Brewer, continuing, spoke of the making of the agreement at an amicable meeting with Mr. Simmons, saying that at the time there were criminal proceedings, in the hands of the police, the evidence being entirely that of Mr. Simmons' servants, and it was only after a search warrant had been taken out that Mrs. Brewer was called to identify stolen property. The police took up the attitude that they wished Mr. Brewer to prosecute, and therefore an unpleasant task was thrown upon him.

Explaining the matter, Mr. Brewer stated that during the absence of himself and wife in Canton, certain property was stolen from the house by Mr. Simmons, whose wife was away. The police got information from the servants and took out a search warrant which was executed at a house in the eastern district. The articles stolen were ladies' garments and jewellery.

It certainly appeared at that time, said Mr. Brewer, that unless he was prepared to prosecute in his own name, the matter would be allowed to drop. He did not

INDUSTRIAL PEACE PIONEERS.

THE MOND COMMITTEE ISSUE
NEW PROPOSALS.

DEVELOPMENT FUNDS.

London, Mar. 12.

The industrial peace pioneers, the joint Committee representing the group of employers headed by Lord Melchett and the Executive of the Trades Union Congress have been in conference since the rejection of their interim report by the national employers' organisations, and have now issued a new interim report.

It deals chiefly with the provision of measures for the fostering of emigration, for the stimulation of industry, for coping with the unemployment problem and for the encouragement of rationalisation.

The Committee recommends that Government and Municipal orders should be placed in Britain under regulated conditions.

It also urges that a Crown Colonies Development Committee should be formed for the purpose suggested by its title and for placing orders for plant etc. in Great Britain.

The Government should create and maintain a Development Fund capable of financing important schemes.

It is also recommended that the Government should conduct an inquiry into currency and banking policy.—Reuter.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

RANGERS STILL PILING UP
POINTS.

London, Mar. 12.

The Rangers continued their unbroken run of success in the Scottish League to-day, by defeating the Hearts. Four Scottish League matches were played, resulting as follows:

Airdrieonians	5	Aberdeen	0
Partick	2	Kilmarnock	1
Rangers	2	Hearts	0
St. Mirren	5	Falkirk	0

The leading places in the Scottish League, appended, show that the Rangers, with nine matches to play, require only two more points to guarantee the championship.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Rangers 29 27 2 0 93 22 56
Hearts 33 19 6 8 83 46 44
Motherwell 30 10 8 6 67 53 40
Celtic 27 15 5 7 46 34 35

NO OIL SCANDLES FOR MR. HOOVER.

DISPOSITIONS TO BE MADE
BY CONGRESS.

Washington, Mar. 12.

President Hoover has categorically announced that during his regime there will be no leases or disposals of oil lands no matter by what Departments such lands are controlled, except "such dispositions as are made mandatory by Congress."—Reuter's American Service.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Shanghai, is due here at 5 a.m. on Friday.

understand why that should be so, but that was the position put to him by the Chief Detective Inspector.

Plaintiff's Motive.

Referring to the agreement, Mr. Brewer said the motive was that when he left the house the servants, who were material witnesses in the criminal action, were able to be dismissed by Mr. Simmons. They left the premises, and now he had no knowledge of their whereabouts. So there really was a motive to get him out of the house, said Mr. Brewer.

The Chief Justice suggested that Mr. Brewer could have put this motive in cross-examination and then called evidence himself.

After further argument, the Chief Justice said he did not see any grounds for granting the application, and Mr. Justice Wood concurred.

The application was therefore dismissed.

The hearing of the counter-claim has been fixed for March 15, commencing at 2.15 p.m. It will be heard before a special jury composed of three members.

LIBERAL CURE FOR WORKLESS.

HUGE PLAN FOR ROAD
DEVELOPMENT.

ISSUE OF "RECONSTRUCTION"
BONDS URGED.

JOB FOR 600,000 MEN.

London, Mar. 12.

The rather grandiose schemes for the curing of Britain's ills propounded by Mr. Lloyd George at a recent Liberal meeting, in the grand manner of an accomplished conjurer, have been issued in the form of a booklet by the Liberal Party.

"We Can Conquer Unemployment" is the title of the booklet, which sets out in greater details the proposals of Mr. Lloyd George.

Ostensibly, the schemes provide for the employment of 600,000 men.

The Road Scheme.

The chief item is the construction of new roads, which the Liberal leader says will provide work for 350,000 men. There is the immediate necessity, he says, for the reorganisation of the chaotic transport system, and these men will be employed on the completion of a national system of trunk roads and the reconstruction of bridges.

It is also contemplated that 60,000 men shall be employed on providing new houses, 60,000 on the reorganisation and development of the British telephone system, 62,000 on the development of electricity, 30,000 on land drainage and 24,000 more on the improvement and development of London's passenger transport services.

Gigantic Loan.

It is estimated that the expenditure on roads spread over a period of two years will be £145,000,000, which will be raised by means of a loan of £200,000,000 upon the increasing income of the Road Fund.

It is suggested that the land values created by the public improvements contemplated will provide a "copious source of revenue."

Dealing with the general question of finance, the booklet suggests the issue of Reconstruction or National Development Bonds and certificates on the same lines as War Bonds.

Mr. Lloyd George's Views.

In an interview, Mr. Lloyd George explained the booklet to Reuter's representative, and stated that he would wholeheartedly support any Government that propounded similar proposals.

He added that he did not think the Reconstruction Loan advocated would result in the depreciation of the existing Government securities. On the contrary, he was of opinion that their value would improve as the result of a new confidence.

General Prosperity.

On the question of road development, the big feature of the schemes, he said he did not consider this would act to the prejudice of the railways which would share in the general prosperity that would ensue. He emphasised that road development would tremendously increase land values.

In the course of his recent speech, Mr. Lloyd George said that the Liberals had in mind the revival of the countryside by the provision of better marketing facilities, the draining of huge water-logged areas of land, the re-afforestation of the country, and many other schemes of the same character.—Reuter.

"WOODBINE WILLIE."

FUNERAL OF FAMOUS
CHAPLAIN.

London, Mar. 12.

The funeral took place at Worcester to-day of the Rev. Studer Kennedy, who, as an Army Chaplain, endeared himself to the men who served in the Great War and was popularly known as "Woodbine Willie" from the fact that he had for the soldiers always an unfailing supply of cigarettes of the well-known "Woodbine" brand.

"Woodbine Willie" was also chaplain to the King and His Majesty to-day sent a message of sympathy to the widow, adding:—"The King has lost a valued chaplain and one who frequently and quite recently preached at Buckingham Palace. His work in war and peace will be gratefully remembered."—British Wireless.

Yesterday's health return shows five further cases of small-pox and one of cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese.

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